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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2014

The Senate having met in its Chamber in the City of Washington prior to 12 noon on Friday, January 3, 2014, as pursuant to the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that, the hour of 12 noon having arrived, the second session of the 113th Congress was commenced this day, conformably to Amendment XX to the Constitution of the United States.

Under the authority of the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

At 12:00:19 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Friday, December 20, 2013, until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2019) to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, December 12, 2013, and read the first time on Friday, December 20, 2013; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1845

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. DURBIN on Friday, December 20, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 20, 2013, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1845

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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

Ordered, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate; that the impending vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed be 10 minutes in duration; that the quorum under the rule be waived; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the aforementioned motion to bring to a close debate.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845, ordered to occur immediately (as pursuant to the order of December 20, 2013), instead occur at 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

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

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 23, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1614. An act to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 623. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

H.R. 767. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.

H.R. 2319. An act to clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.

H.R. 3304. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3343. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.

H.R. 3487. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 27, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives,

delivered by one of its reading clerks, announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Friday, December 20, 2013, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on Monday, December 23, 2013 by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4149. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0354)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4150. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0700)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4151. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0698)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4152. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AQUILA - Aviation by Excellence AG Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0963)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4153. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ExtremeAir GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0998)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4154. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0397)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4155. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0096)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4156. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Thielert Aircraft Engines GmbH Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0561)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4157. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0750)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4158. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0880)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4159. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4160. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-00626)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4161. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AQUILA - Aviation by Excellence AG Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0963)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4162. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS CASA (Type Certificate Previously Held by Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0870)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4163. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0630)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4164. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AERMACCHI S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0939)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4165. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0523)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4166. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Erickson Air-Crane Incorporated Helicopters (Type Certificate previously held by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0556)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4167. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0940)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4168. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0212)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4169. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0418)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4170. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0329)), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4171. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0871)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4172. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0426)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4173. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1069)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4174. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0673)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4175. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passenger Train Emergency Systems II" (RIN2130-AC22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4176. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-45, North Carolina" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0991)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4177. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-374, Northeastern United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0989)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4178. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amdt. No. 510" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4179. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (12); Amdt. No. 3563" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4180. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (43); Amdt. No. 3565" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4181. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (61); Amdt. No. 3562" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4182. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (101); Amdt. No. 3564" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4183. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Magee, MS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0430)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4184. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Star, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0440)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4185. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Umatilla, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4186. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Aliceville, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0431)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4187. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Battle Mountain, NV" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0530)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4188. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace and Class E Airspace; Laguna AAF, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0659)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4189. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Danville, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0469)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4190. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Olean, NY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0681)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4191. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tazewell, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0513)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4192. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace, and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Salisbury, MD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0449)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-166. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California relative to the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, Residents across the County of Los Angeles suffer intrusive and disruptive low-flying helicopter traffic above their neighborhoods; and

Whereas, The County of Los Angeles is home to a unique and very large concentration of scenic, historic, entertainment, and transportation venues, including movie studios, movie stars' homes, outdoor entertainment facilities, the coastline, Griffith Park, the Hollywood sign, and many others, that generate extensive helicopter tours engaged in sightseeing activity; and

Whereas, The County of Los Angeles has a high concentration of media helicopters engaged in monitoring traffic conditions, following car chases, and filming celebrity events, which often involve hovering for extended periods of time; and

Whereas, The County of Los Angeles is home to the world's leading civil helicopter manufacturer, which conducts extensive helicopter flight testing in the region; and

Whereas, The unique terrain of canyons and valleys in the County of Los Angeles often amplifies noise from helicopters in otherwise quiet residential areas; and

Whereas, Helicopter noise in the County of Los Angeles interrupts daily life for many residents by interfering with the ability to hear conversations, the television, the radio, or the telephone, and disrupting sleep cycles; and

Whereas, Despite multiple efforts from several community and homeowner organizations in the County of Los Angeles to address these disturbances, helicopter traffic in the County of Los Angeles is not currently regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or any other agency; and

Whereas, The FAA requires a specific minimum flying altitude for fixed-wing aircraft, but it does not require a specific minimum flying altitude for helicopters; and

Whereas, The lack of effective regulations for commercial helicopter operations in the County of Los Angeles negatively impacts the safety and quality of life of the county's residents; and

Whereas, The State of California is preempted by federal law from adopting altitude, flight path, and other necessary regulations to mitigate the impacts of commercial helicopters; and

Whereas, There is a lack of clarity as to the rulemaking authority of the FAA; and

Whereas, Two companion measures in Congress, Senate Bill No. 208 and House Bill No. 456, known as the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013, would require the Administrator of the FAA to prescribe regulations for helicopter operations in the County of Los Angeles that are needed to address residents' concerns

over safety, noise, and other associated impacts; and

Whereas, The following local government entities in the County of Los Angeles have recently voted to support the proposed federal legislation or its predecessor, the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011: the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Hermosa Beach, the City of Lomita, the City of Palos Verdes Estates, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the City of Redondo Beach, the City of Rolling Hills Estates, and the City of West Hollywood: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature supports the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013 (S. 208 and H.R. 456) and respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to promptly pass and President Barack Obama to sign that legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-167. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the Congress of the United States to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 50, regarding the National Railroad Monument in Durand, Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 227

Whereas, Railroads are an integral part of our nation's past, present, and future. The railroad industry played a vital role in building and developing the United States. This role should not be forgotten; and

Whereas, Durand, Michigan, is at the historic crossroads of three major railroads and is home to one of the largest surviving train stations in the United States. The existing statuary, structures, and historic railroad equipment at Diamond District Park in Durand make it an ideal location for a National Railroad Memorial; and

Whereas, Congressional House Concurrent Resolution 50 would designate a National Railroad Monument located in Diamond District Park in historic downtown Durand, Michigan, as the "National Railroad Memorial". This recognition would help draw visitors from around the world to the educational programming and exhibits in Durand, Michigan. It would help ensure that current and future generations do not forget the historical importance of the railroad industry to our nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 50, regarding the National Railroad Monument in Durand; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-168. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to forest protection and restoration; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Whereas, One of the greatest ongoing challenges for California is to ensure an adequate supply of water for myriad human uses and other environmental needs while also addressing the increasing and negative impacts of climate change on our watersheds; and

Whereas, The large majority of the water used by California originates in the 10 million-acre forested area of northern California feeding the Sacramento River, with the Sacramento River providing 60 percent of the water for the Central Valley and state water projects, drinking water for 25 million Californians, and over 80 percent of the freshwater to San Francisco Bay; and

Whereas, California's forests represent our largest, safest, and most expandable opportunity to actively, remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; and

Whereas, The forests and watersheds of California face multiple challenges and pressures, including the loss and degradation of forests by the subdivision, fragmentation, and development of lands, the planting of unnaturally dense forests as a result of fire suppression, and stresses from a changing climate; and

Whereas, California's forests provide an essential natural infrastructure that collects, stores, filters, and transports water in a materially more cost-effective manner than any built infrastructure; and

Whereas, Managing these forested watersheds to restore and enhance their sustained water provision services will also create rural jobs and enhance the state's ability to address climate change, including by reducing firefighting costs; and

Whereas, In addition to supplying the majority of the state's water and sequestering vast amounts of carbon, forests clean our air and provide habitat for wildlife, all while supporting rural economies through outdoor recreation such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping, as well as through the forest products industry; and

Whereas, Preventing further loss of California's forests, restoring degraded forest areas, and improving management are critical parts of ensuring that our watersheds continue to store carbon and produce high-quality clean water in the future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of California recognizes the value of forests in providing critical ecosystem services, including water supply and climate stabilization services; and be it further

Resolved, That the state and federal governmental agencies with jurisdiction over forest resource management are encouraged to collaborate across jurisdictions with regard to landscape-scald efforts to maintain and restore California's forests to protect the state's natural resources and water supply for future generations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Minority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-169. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Moca, Puerto Rico relative to urging the President and the Congress of the United States of America to initiate the process of admission of Puerto Rico as the 51st state of the United States of America; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, Since the discovery of Puerto Rico in 1493 to the year 1898, the Island was a colony of Spain and from 1898 to the present, it has been a colony of the United States, making Puerto Rico the oldest colony of the Western Hemisphere.

Whereas, According to the United States Census Bureau, Puerto Ricans who reside in the Island are approximately 3.7 million inhabitants, whereas 4.3 million Puerto Ricans reside in the fifty (50) states of the Union. Although those that live in Puerto Rico and in the U.S. mainland are American citizens by birth, those that reside in Puerto Rico do not have all the privileges, rights and obligations of U.S. citizenship.

Whereas, The American citizens who reside in the fifty states of the Union enjoy all the economic, social and political benefits, since they reside in one of the states of the Nation.

Whereas, Many of the 4.3 million American citizens of Puerto Rican origin who reside in the states, are professionals in the fields of health, the sciences, security,

education and politics that have moved from the Island looking for better quality of life and the totality of the rights and privileges that being a citizen of the great American Nation offers. In addition, they are part of the Hispanic labor force that moves the economy of the Federation of the States.

Whereas, The question that we should ask ourselves is: how can the 3.7 million American citizens who live in Puerto Rico reach the fullness of our U.S. citizenship, that is, to be American citizens one hundred percent (100%) with all the rights, privileges and obligations.

Whereas, This can be obtained by two forms. First, by means of moving or relocating to any of the fifty (50) states of the great American Nation; or second, by granting the Territory of Puerto Rico the opportunity to become the 51st State of the Union. In this way, we will be able to reach the full rights held by American citizens who reside in the fifty (50) states.

Whereas, Puerto Ricans through the vote in the plebiscite of November 6, 2012, rejected by an ample majority the current territorial status known as Commonwealth and favored statehood by an overwhelming majority of the voters among the status options presented in the ballot: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Municipal Legislature of Moca, Puerto Rico, the following:

Section 1: Request President Barack Obama and the Congress of the United States, initiate the process of admission of Puerto Rico as the 51st State of the United States of America.

Section 2: This Resolution will be approved in both official languages of Puerto Rico, Spanish and English.

Section 3: This Resolution will take effect immediately upon passage by the Municipal Legislature and signed by the Mayor.

Section 4: Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, and to all the Members of the United States Congress.

POM-170. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to the federal Renewable Fuel Standard program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, The Renewable Fuel Standard program was created under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and established the first renewable fuel volume mandate in the United States; and

Whereas, The Energy Policy Act of 2005 required 7.5 billion gallons of renewable fuel to be blended into gasoline by 2012 and, under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, the Renewable Fuel Standard

program was expanded to include diesel, in addition to gasoline; and

Whereas, The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 increased the volume of renewable fuel required to be blended into transportation fuel from 9 billion gallons in 2008 to 36 billion gallons by 2022; and

Whereas, The 2013 requirement of cornstarch-derived ethanol of 13.8 billion gallons represents approximately 84 percent of the total renewable fuel mandated in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; and

Whereas, At the time that the Renewable Fuel Standard program became law, the daily price of a metric ton of corn used in biofuel ethanol production was \$99, and at the time the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 became law, the daily price of a metric ton of corn used in biofuel ethanol production had risen to nearly \$180, with the latest price of a metric ton of corn currently reported by the United States Department of Agriculture as approximately \$310, representing an increase of over 300 percent since the inception of the Renewable Fuel Standard program; and

Whereas, The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that as a result of the Renewable Fuel Standard program, the increase in overall commodity prices expected as a result of the demand for agricultural products used in biofuel production will result in an annual increase of food costs to consumers of over \$3 billion by 2022; and

Whereas, Agriculture is a vital component of California's economic livelihood with livestock, poultry and related products, accounting for approximately 26 percent, or \$12.4 billion of California's gross agricultural cash income in 2011; and

Whereas, California leads the nation in milk production with over 1.75 million dairy cows that primarily depend on feed corn; and

Whereas, The loss of alternative feedstock acreage to biofuel crop production combined with the unprecedented rise in corn prices due to the requirements of the Renewable Fuel Standard program have significantly contributed to the loss of dairy production capacity in California, as represented by the 387 California dairies that have gone out of business since 2007, with over 100 dairy farms lost in 2012 alone: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature recognize and support the benefits from a robust and thriving agricultural sector, and join a diverse group of businesses, industry representatives, and beef, dairy, and poultry producers across California in urging Congress to reform the Renewable Fuel Standard program, or the United States Environmental Protection Agency to use all available authority, to

expeditiously transition away from biofuel sources that compete with food production, as well as implement aggressive mechanisms to promote the development of advanced, sustainable noncrop-based fuels, including, but not limited to, cellulosic ethanol; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Minority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-171. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

Whereas, Sickle cell anemia and sickle cell disease, used interchangeably, refer to a group of inherited disorders that affect the red blood cells; and

Whereas, Sickle cell anemia is a disease in which a person's body produces abnormally shaped red blood cells that resemble a crescent or sickle, and which do not last as long as normal round red blood cells, which leads to anemia. The sickle cells also get stuck in blood vessels and block blood flow, which can cause pain and organ damage; and

Whereas, Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disorder where individuals with the disease are born with two sickle cell genes, each inherited from one parent. An individual with only one sickle cell gene has a "sickle cell trait," which occurs in one out of every 12 African Americans and in one out of every 100 Latinos in the United States; and

Whereas, Unlike most people with sickle cell anemia, most people who have a sickle cell trait never know they have it and can live their entire lives without any complications from it; and

Whereas, Serious problems associated with a sickle cell trait are rare. However, exercise-related sudden death in individuals who have a sickle cell trait most commonly occurs in those undergoing intense physical exertion, such as military recruits in basic training and athletes during conditioning workouts; and

Whereas, Individuals with a sickle cell trait should not be excluded from physical activity, including sports, unless recommended to by medical personnel. Instead, people should be educated about precautions that should be taken, including drinking adequate amounts of fluids, pacing training with longer periods of rest and recovery, avoiding participation in performance tests such as sprints and mile

runs, and, most importantly, being familiar with the symptoms of overexertion; and

Whereas, It is estimated that more than 90,000 Americans have sickle cell anemia. Sickle cell anemia occurs in one out of every 500 African American births and in one out of every 36,000 Latino births; and

Whereas, Sickle cell anemia can be a life-threatening condition, and access to comprehensive care can be limited by social, economic, cultural, and geographic barriers; and

Whereas, The average cost of hospitalization for sickle cell anemia in 2004 was \$6,223, for more than 84,000 hospital admissions that year. Total hospitalization costs for individuals with sickle cell anemia equaled \$488,000,000, of which 65 percent were covered by Medicaid funds; and

Whereas, Individuals living with sickle cell anemia encounter barriers to obtaining quality care and improving their quality of life. These barriers include limitations in geographic access to comprehensive care, the varied use of effective treatments, the high reliance on emergency departments and on public health programs, and the limited number of health care providers with knowledge and experience to manage and treat sickle cell anemia; and

Whereas, The Sickle Cell Anemia Control Act was signed into law in 1972 by President Richard Nixon after pledging that his administration would "reverse the record of neglect on the dreaded disease" by increasing funding for and expanding sickle cell anemia-related programs, including the development of comprehensive sickle cell anemia centers; and

Whereas, In 1975, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. and its member organizations began conducting monthlong events in September to call attention to sickle cell anemia and the need to address the problem at national and local levels, and chose September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month in order for the public to reflect on the children and adults whose lives, education, and careers have been affected by this disease; and

Whereas, In 2003, the Sickle Cell Treatment Act was signed into law; and

Whereas, The effort to officially recognize Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month succeeded at the federal level in 1983 when the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed, and President Ronald Reagan signed, the first resolution introduced by the Congressional Black Caucus that recognized September as National Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature recognizes September 2013, and each September thereafter, as Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to support the President's continuation of funding for the Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program, the Registry and Surveillance System for Hemoglobinopathy Program Initiative, and the Public Health Approach Disorders program, and to make sickle cell anemia and other genetic hemoglobin disorders a public health priority; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro Tempore of the United States Senate, each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-172. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to the dischargeability of private student loan debt; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, This resolution shall be known as the Financial Fresh Start Resolution of 2013; and

Whereas, Existing federal law exempts from discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code specified educational loans made; or secured, by a lender other than the federal government, also known as private student loans, unless the debtor convinces a bankruptcy court that repayment would be an undue hardship on the debtor and the debtor's dependents, a sometimes difficult and expensive process not required to discharge other unsecured nonpriority debt; and

Whereas, Californians should have the same ability to discharge their private student loan debt as they do to discharge their unsecured nonpriority debt; and

Whereas, Californians who are not given relief from their burden of private student loan debt, even after a successful completion of a bankruptcy case, are seriously hindered from establishing personal economic stability and contributing to the economic growth of the state; and,

Whereas, United States Senator Dick Durbin and Representative Steve Cohen have recently introduced the following legislation in their respective congressional houses that would permit private student loan debt to be discharged in bankruptcy and are substantially similar to legislation they each introduced in 2010 and 2011:

(a) The Fairness for Struggling Students Act of 2013.

(b) The Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2013; and

Whereas, The inability of Californians to more easily discharge private student loan debt prevents them from gaining the “fresh start” that a successful bankruptcy case is intended to provide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to support and pass legislation that would allow private student loan debt to be dischargeable in a bankruptcy case filed under Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code similar to the dischargeability of unsecured nonpriority debt; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-173. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to student loan interest rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, Just last year, Congress passed, and President Obama signed, an extension to maintain the interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans at 3.4 percent through June 30, 2013; and

Whereas, On July 1, 2013, unless actions are taken, the interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent; and

Whereas, This higher interest rate level is the same level that graduate students and unsubsidized loan borrowers pay, which could limit access to California’s public postsecondary educational institutions by dissuading students from using loans to help pay for their postsecondary education; and

Whereas, The average student loan borrower graduates with a debt of \$27,000, and the scheduled interest rate increase for Federal Direct Stafford Loans would cost almost 10 million borrowers approximately \$1,000 more per year of education over the life of a loan; and

Whereas, Raising the interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans will make it even harder for college graduates facing an already difficult postgraduation job market to repay their loans; and

Whereas, Student loan debt affects Americans of all ages, as 45 percent of all American families hold outstanding student loan debt, including 36 percent of families in households headed by a person 45 to 54 years

of age, inclusive, 29 percent of families in households headed by a person 55 to 64 years of age, inclusive, and 13.3 percent of families in households headed by a person 65 to 73 years of age, inclusive; and

Whereas, Student loan debt has a ripple effect on the economy, as two million more adults 18 to 34 years of age, inclusive, live in a household headed by their parents; and

Whereas, Each new household leads to an estimated \$145,000 of economic growth, suggesting that a delay in household formation could be slowing broader economic growth; and

Whereas, The Bipartisan Policy Center estimates that Echo Boomers—those born between 1981 and 1995—will account for 75 percent to 80 percent of owner-occupied home acquisitions by 2020, yet the current homeownership rate for young people is among the lowest in decades while mortgage interest rates are at historically low levels; and

Whereas, Student loan debt also has a significant impact on retirement, as 62 percent of workers 30 to 39 years of age, inclusive, 20 percent of whom hold more than \$50,000 in student loan debt, are projected to have insufficient resources for retirement; and

Whereas, According to the Congressional Budget Office, the federal government makes 36 cents in profit for every dollar it lends to all student borrowers, and student loans are estimated to bring in \$34 billion next year alone; and

Whereas, Higher education loans should be used to subsidize the cost of higher education, not to be used as a source of profit for the federal government; and

Whereas, Federal Direct Stafford Loans have been a critical component, in addition to other forms of financial aid, for low- and middle-income students working towards a postsecondary degree, and over two-thirds of student loan borrowers are from families with annual incomes under \$50,000: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature respectfully requests that the Congress and the President of the United States enact legislation that prevents the doubling of interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford Loans and creates a long-term legislative solution to maintain affordable and reliable federal student loan rates while preserving funding for other federal educational programs and benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from

California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-174. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to preschool for all in California; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, To be competitive in the 21st century global economy; California must have a dynamic and educated workforce; and

Whereas, To strengthen and grow the middle class, California must broaden investments proven to prepare students for college and careers, and proven to create economic opportunity; and

Whereas, Research by a Nobel Laureate economist shows that every dollar invested in high-quality early education can save more than \$7 later on, by boosting grade level proficiency and graduation rates, increasing earned income and job stability, reducing teen pregnancy, and reducing violent crime; and

Whereas, Study after study, over 100 in the United States alone, shows that preschool significantly benefits children’s school success; and

Whereas, Research has shown that the early years in a child’s life, when the human brain is forming, represent a critically important window of opportunity to develop a child’s full potential and shape key academic, social, and cognitive skills that determine a child’s success in school and in life; and,

Whereas, During the preschool years, children not only develop core academic knowledge in preliteracy and early math, but they develop critically important learning skills, such as paying attention, managing emotions, and completing tasks; and

Whereas, Research has shown that California’s academic achievement gap exists before children start school; and

Whereas, Research shows that students who start out behind too often also stay behind, and those who are not reading proficiently in third grade are four times more likely to not graduate from high school; and

Whereas, In 2012, 52 percent of California third graders tested below proficient in English-Language Arts and more than 30 percent are not proficient in Mathematics; and

Whereas, Since 2008, over 110,000 children have lost access to preschool and child care programs due to \$1 billion in state budget cuts; and

Whereas, Over 220,000 low-income three- and four-year-old children who are eligible for the California State Preschool Program or the federal Head Start program do not receive services; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama in his 2013 State of the Union speech called on states to partner with the federal government to make sure every child, regardless of their parents ability to pay, has access to high quality preschool: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature respectfully urges the Congress to enact President Barack Obama's budget proposal to increase funding for preschool and early learning; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature respectfully urges the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a plan for making California competitive for future increases in federal funding to preschool and early learning programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-175. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico requesting the New Mexico Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. to vote to support legislation that would remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A MEMORIAL

Whereas, equal rights for women are not specifically included in the United States constitution; and

Whereas, the rights of women in the United States to receive equal pay for equal work, be protected against domestic violence and have fair work-leave policies and access to the reproductive health care services of their choice, among others, are daily being questioned and restricted; and

Whereas, protection of women's rights at present is through a patchwork of existing laws, executive actions and judicial decisions that address individual cases of discrimination one by one as they arise; and

Whereas, each or all of these individual existing laws, executive actions and judicial decisions may be ignored, eroded or overturned; and

Whereas, an amendment that would guarantee rights for women that are equal to those of men would provide a fundamental legal remedy against all cases of discrimination based on gender; and

Whereas, resolutions to pass an amendment to the United States constitution that would guarantee equal rights for women and men have been introduced into congress each year since 1923; and

Whereas, thirty-five of the thirty-eight states required for the amendment to become part of the constitution ratified the equal rights amendment by the deadline of 1982; and

Whereas, the deadline for ratification is not in the binding text of the document itself and, in fact, was later extended by another congress for an additional three years, thus establishing the precedent that congress has the power to do so; and

Whereas, in the one hundred twelfth congress, Senate Joint Resolution 39, introduced by Senator Ben Cardin, and House Joint Resolution 47, introduced by Representative Tammy Baldwin, would remove the deadline for ratification of the amendment so that an additional three states may ratify it; and

Whereas, New Mexicans feel justly proud that New Mexico was one of the first states in the union to ratify the equal rights amendment in 1973, and it passed its own equal rights amendment to the constitution of New Mexico in 1972: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico, That it call upon the New Mexico congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., to vote in favor of legislation that would remove the deadline for ratification of the equal rights amendment so that efforts can proceed to get ratification by the necessary additional three states so that, finally, the guarantee of equal rights for women and men in the United States will become the law of the land; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional delegation and to the chief clerks of the house of representatives and the senate of the United States congress.

POM-176. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to raise permanently the cap on new H1-B temporary work visas available to immigrant professionals and to eliminate the cap for those holding a U.S. master's degree or higher; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

Whereas, The United States has risen to preeminence in the world by cultivating the talents of its own residents while, at the same time, welcoming the most talented people from around the world. Many of our nation's leading companies, such as Dow Chemical and Masco, were founded by immigrants. In Michigan, one-third of high-tech businesses over the last decade were started by immigrants; and

Whereas, Our nation remains a leader in developing foreign talent. U.S. universities and colleges educate hundreds of thousands of international students each year. In Michigan, more than 25,000 international

students attend Michigan's higher education institutions, ninth most in the nation. Over 37 percent of individuals receiving doctorate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics nationwide are international students; and

Whereas, We are failing as a nation to retain foreigners educated in the United States and to welcome talented professionals from other nations. Under the H-1B temporary work visa program, highly educated scientists, engineers, computer programmers, and other technical experts may immigrate to the United States for employment. However, the federal government severely limits the number of visas available. Only 65,000 new H-1B visas are available each year to individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher, with an additional 20,000 visas available to individuals with a U.S. master's degree or higher; and

Whereas, The federal cap on H-1B visas is not meeting the demand of U.S. businesses. The 2013 caps were reached in just over two months. These arbitrary caps are holding back economic growth in Michigan and the rest of the United States. These caps should be based on a data-driven approach that, along with the availability of qualified American workers, factors in the positive impact of immigrant professionals to jobs and entrepreneurialism in our economy. In a highly competitive global environment, the United States cannot afford to turn back the brightest and most talented people. Our nation's loss will inevitably be another nation's gain: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Congress to raise permanently the cap on new H-1B temporary work visas available to immigrant professionals and to eliminate the cap for those holding a master's degree or higher from U.S. universities; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-177. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to the federal Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, Thousands of Californians served in uniform in the war in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, Countless local Afghan nationals provided trusted and life-saving support to Americans and their allies in Afghanistan as interpreters, advisers, liaisons, and other functionaries; and

Whereas, More than 8,000 Afghani interpreters worked for the United States during the conflict, risking the lives of their families and themselves to assist American troops and the United States government; and

Whereas, It was recently pointed out in the New York Times that with United States Armed Forces currently withdrawing from Afghanistan, many of the local nationals who provided support to American forces are now the target of Taliban and other insurgent attacks. In February 2013, two interpreters were gunned down in Logar Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan. In December 2012, an interpreter working in Jalalabad was singled out while heading home on leave, and Taliban assailants killed his two brothers in the attack; and

Whereas, The United Nations has reported that casualties resulting from targeted killings of civilians by antigovernment elements increased by 53 percent in the first six months of 2012, in comparison to the corresponding period in 2011; and

Whereas, The federal Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 authorizes the issuance of up to 1,500 special immigrant visas (SIVs) annually through the 2013 fiscal year to Afghan nationals who have worked for or on behalf of the United States Government in Afghanistan and who find their lives in danger as a consequence of their employment; and

Whereas, Although 7,500 SIVs were intended to be issued by the federal Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, only about 1,000 have been issued to date, and as of last fall, there was a backlog of more than 5,000 applicants waiting to begin the process. This delay further risks the lives of important, dedicated allies who have already risked their lives in the call of duty to our soldiers and our country; and

Whereas, There are significant differences between the visa programs created for Iraq and Afghanistan. While the Iraq program allowed for up to 25,000 visas, the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 only makes 7,500 visas available. Additionally, the Afghan visa program limits family members to only a spouse and dependent children under 21 years of age, while the Iraq program allowed for parents, siblings, and all children; and

Whereas, The Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 presents the opportunity to save the lives of Afghans who saved the lives of Americans and to maintain our commitment to these important allies who are in harm's way: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature calls upon the United States Congress and the President's administration to expedite actions at the United States Department of State to process the visa applications of our Afghan allies who have

been identified and vetted by the United States military or other agencies as having risked their lives by supporting and working for United States troops overseas, and to expand the number of visas offered to our Afghan allies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-178. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to immigration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, The United States of America is a nation of values, founded on the principles that all men and women are created equal, and the promise of freedom for all; and

Whereas, We are a nation of immigrants, who believe in the promise of freedom and opportunity; and

Whereas, The current immigration system is broken, antiquated, and not meeting the challenges of the 21st century. It separates families, including same-sex couple families, creates long backlogs for families seeking reunification, and neglects the hard work and financial contributions immigrants make to our country; and

Whereas, Since 2008, more than 1.6 million immigrants have been deported, and one in every 10 American children faces the threat of the deportation of a parent; and

Whereas, It is estimated that about 11 million undocumented immigrants are in the United States, and California has the largest population of immigrants, both legal and undocumented; and

Whereas, Immigrants and their children constitute nearly one-half of California's population and live and work in all 58 counties, most notably in the San Diego, Central Valley, Los Angeles, Ventura, and greater San Francisco areas; and

Whereas, Approximately 77 percent of undocumented immigrants who reside in California live with family members who are legal United States residents and citizens; and

Whereas, One in 10 workers in California is an undocumented immigrant, and immigrants are vibrant, productive, and vital part of the state's growing economy; and

Whereas, Immigrants are essential in keeping the American economy strong; from technology programmers in the Silicon Valley to restaurant owners and workers, immigrants are filling an intrinsic need in the labor force; and

Whereas, Agricultural workers have been performing very important and difficult work to maintain America's food supply, and have a role of ensuring that Americans have safe and secure agricultural products to sell and consume; and

Whereas, Students should not be punished for their immigration status. Instead, they should be given recognition for their sacrifice, hard work, and determination; and

Whereas, The United States can do a better job of attracting and keeping the world's best and brightest. A comprehensive immigration reform should also grant immigrants who have received a Ph.D. or master's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics from an American university the opportunity to invest in and contribute to this great nation. For the future of our economy, it makes no sense to educate the world's future innovators and entrepreneurs only to ultimately force them to leave our country at the moment they are most able to contribute to our economy; and

Whereas, Modernizing our antiquated and dysfunctional immigration system will uphold our nation's basic values of fairness and equality, as well as access to health care; and

Whereas, A comprehensive, as well as compassionate, approach to solve our broken immigration system should be one that works for all communities and families in America; and

Whereas, A just immigration reform must ensure that it reflects one of our basic values—that we all are created equal—thus immigration reform must recognize each immigrant's full humanity; and

Whereas, A proposal must be comprised of tenets that achieve all of the following: (1) establish an earned citizenship process that requires immigrants to pay back taxes and learn English; (2) enhance security in our ports of entry to secure our nation; (3) reform immigration enforcement programs that separate families to ensure that family unification systems are strengthened; (4) upgrade the current visa programs, including the creation of a guest worker program for agricultural workers, in order to have a legal workforce and a system that better enforces labor protections; and (5) uphold due process as well as the inherent rights of all immigrants: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to take a humane and just approach to solving our nation's broken immigration system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of

the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor of California, and to the author of this resolution.

POM-179. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California relative to the Startup Act 3.0; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, The United States is a nation of immigrants, with a long history of welcoming indigents from other nations and giving them a chance at achieving the American Dream; and

Whereas, immigrants have formed the backbone of the nation's economy; and

Whereas, Open economies grow faster than closed ones, and as a beacon of hope, America has historically had an unbeatable advantage over societies that shut immigrants out, or stifled their creative and innovative spirit; and

Whereas, The United States economy has been enriched by the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of immigrants from around the world; and

Whereas, According to the Kauffman Foundation on Entrepreneurship, of the current Fortune 500 companies, including Apple, Google, and eBay, more than 40 percent were founded by first- or second-generation Americans, and these companies employ more than 10 million people; and

Whereas, Foreign nationals residing in the United States were named as inventors or coinventors in one-quarter of all patent applications filed in 2006; and

Whereas, Fifty-two percent of Silicon Valley startups between 1995 and 2005 were founded or cofounded by immigrants, generating \$52 billion in revenues and employing 450,000 workers; and

Whereas, In the past seven years, the national rate of startups by immigrants has dropped to 42 percent according to scholars at Harvard and Duke Universities; and

Whereas, The number of foreign nationals with advanced degrees awaiting permanent-resident status in the United States has grown to over one million in the past several years; and

Whereas, Under current law, only around 120,000 visas are available annually for skilled workers in key employment categories and only 7 percent of these visas can be allocated to immigrants from any one country. So immigrants from countries with large populations, like India and China, which are the source of the vast majority of startups in the United States, have access to only 8,400 visas per year; and

Whereas, The result of this policy is that many of these highly skilled immigrants must wait more than a decade for visas; and

Whereas, Many of these highly skilled innovators are deciding instead to return home, or immigrate to other countries that welcome them with open arms, such as Singapore, Canada, Dubai, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Chile. As a result, these innovators are founding companies in these other countries and competing with American companies for market share; and

Whereas, The issue of illegal immigration has taken on national prominence in recent years and the resolution of the broader issue should be the result of bipartisan efforts; and

Whereas, United States Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kansas), Mark Warner (D-Virginia), Chris Coons (D-Delaware), and Roy Blunt (R-Missouri) have introduced S. 310, and United States House Representatives Michael Grimm (R-New York), Loretta Sanchez (D-California), and others have introduced H.R. 714 in the 113th Congress of the United States, and this legislation is known as the Startup Act 3.0; and

Whereas, Entrepreneurs and highly skilled workers can contribute to the continued success of the nation and further the development of an innovation-based economy that will help future generations compete in the global marketplace; and

Whereas, There has been bipartisan support in Congress for proposed changes to immigration law seeking to create new jobs and drive economic growth; such as:

(1) Creation of an Entrepreneur's Visa for up to 75,000 legal immigrants who start up new businesses to create jobs in the United States with a path to permanent residency if their businesses continue to hire more workers.

(2) Authorization to adjust the status of not more than 50,000 aliens who have earned a master's degree or a doctorate degree at an American institution of higher education in a STEM field (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics) to that of aliens conditionally admitted for permanent residence to remain in this country.

(3) Elimination of per-country caps for employment-based immigrant visas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urge the United States Congress and the President to establish new entrepreneur and STEM-related visa categories for legal immigrants as part of comprehensive federal immigration reform; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-180. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California relative to firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, The Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, which resulted in the death of 20 children and 6 adults, demonstrated the need for stronger laws to prevent gun violence; and

Whereas, Numerous factors contribute to the occurrence of mass shootings, including unregulated access to assault weapons and assault magazines, insufficient background checks, and needed improvements to our mental health system, among others; and

Whereas, Semiautomatic assault weapons designed with military features allow for the rapid fire of potentially large numbers of bullets, and are distinguishable from standard sporting firearms by features such as the ability to accept a detachable magazine, pistol grips, and folding or telescoping stocks; and

Whereas, Semiautomatic assault weapons are frequently used in mass shootings, including the 1993 101 California Street shooting in San Francisco that involved two TEC-9 semiautomatic handguns, and the recent Aurora, Colorado, shooting that involved an AR-15 style semiautomatic assault rifle with a 100-round ammunition drum; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court has affirmed once and for all that Americans have a right to keep and bear arms. However, as conservative justice Antonin Scalia outlined, the District of Columbia v. Heller decision does not prohibit laws forbidding firearms in places such as schools or regulation of unusually dangerous weapons, nor does it restrict laws prohibiting felons and the mentally ill from carrying guns; and

Whereas, The National Firearms Act of 1934 regulates the possession and transfer of fully automatic machine guns through background checks, registration, and excise taxes, but individual states are able to enact their own stronger gun legislation and regulations which may or may not be similar to other states; and

Whereas, Seven states, including California, have enacted laws strictly regulating the possession, manufacture, and transfer of assault weapons; and

Whereas, Because our borders are porous and only a small number of states regulate assault weapons and high-capacity assault magazines, states, like California, that take steps to protect their communities from these weapons are vulnerable to criminals who use those weapons without a comprehensive federal approach to curb gun violence; and

Whereas, It is estimated that 40 percent of firearm transfers are completed without a federal background check, including the transfer of semiautomatic firearms from a private collection; and

Whereas, California requires background checks for all firearms sales and transfers through various means; and

Whereas, Nine categories of individuals are prohibited from purchasing and possessing firearms, including the dangerously mentally ill; and

Whereas, Mental health records are reported by the state and imported into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, but currently many state and federal agencies are not fully participating in this system: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That a comprehensive federal approach to reducing and preventing gun violence is needed to protect the Second Amendment rights of law abiding citizens while ensuring that our communities are safe from future mass shootings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to promptly place under the scope of the National Firearms Act generically defined assault weapons, as now is the case with California, and high-capacity assault magazines; and be it further

Resolved, That a universal background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System should be required for the transfer of all firearms; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the United States should take steps to ensure all states and applicable federal agencies are reporting all necessary records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-181. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California relative to immigration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, This country was built by immigrants seeking a better life; and

Whereas, Estimates suggest there are 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the shadows in the United States, including millions of children brought to this country undocumented who have grown up here and

call the United States home, suffering from the dysfunctional immigration policy; and

Whereas, A logical and streamlined path to citizenship for individuals after they gain legal status would stimulate the economy by allowing them to get college degrees and driver's licenses, buy homes, start new companies, and create legal, tax-paying jobs, affording them a chance at the American Dream; and

Whereas, The United States Congress last enacted major immigration legislation more than 25 years ago; and

Whereas, Since that time, fragmented attempts at immigration reform have failed to create rational and effective systems needed to maintain international competitiveness. Whether in an industry like agriculture, which requires large numbers of workers able to perform physically demanding tasks, or in technology or health care, where the demand for employees with advanced degrees is projected to exceed supply within the next five years, immigration policy must be designed to 'respond to emerging labor needs. in all sectors of the United States economy; and

Whereas, Our national interests and security are not served by our outdated, inefficient, and slow-moving immigration system. Patchwork attempts to mend its deficiencies undermine our potential for prosperity and leave us vulnerable and unable to meet the needs of the modern world; and

Whereas, To help our country recover from the financial crisis, labor mobility is crucial to our economic prosperity. Yet our rigid, outdated immigration policies are making it difficult for our companies and our nation to compete. Information released in a study by the University of California, Los Angeles, stated that legalizing the status of undocumented immigrants working and living in the United States would create around \$1.5 trillion in additional gross domestic product growth over the next 10 years and increase wages for all workers. A study done by the University of California, Davis, indicates that the last large wave of immigrants, from 1990 to 2007, raised the income of the native-born American worker by an average of \$5,000; and

Whereas, California has the largest share of immigrants in the country. They are a vital and productive part of our state's economy and are active in a variety of industries, including technology, biotech, hospitality, agriculture, construction, services, transportation, and textiles. They also represent a large share of our new small business owners and create economic prosperity and needed jobs for everyone; and

Whereas, Keeping these families, business owners, and hard workers in the shadows of society serves no one; and

Whereas, Our state, for economic, social, health, security, and prosperity reasons, must

support policies that allow individuals to become legal and enfranchised participants in our society and economy; and

Whereas, Comprehensive immigration reform should include a reasonable and timely path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants living and working in the United States already. It should include comprehensive background checks, and require demonstrated proficiency in English and payment of all current and back taxes, and should have the flexibility to respond to emerging business trends; and

Whereas, The Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan research group in Washington, D.C., estimated that in 2012 the federal government spent \$18 billion on immigration enforcement and that the number of United States Border Patrol agents has doubled since 2004; and

Whereas, Increased enforcement has given the federal government the ability to prioritize the deportation of lawbreakers and dangerous individuals and to ensure our border's security. Nevertheless, this enforcement should not be done in an inhumane way; and

Whereas, Immigration enforcement should continue to focus on criminals, not on hardworking immigrant families, and not at the expense of efficient trade with two of our top three economic partners; and

Whereas, The United States loses large numbers of necessary, highly skilled workers due to the lengthy and complicated processes currently in place to get or keep a legal residency option; and

Whereas, Reform should also include an expedited process for those residing abroad and applying for legal visas. Additionally, reform should offer permanent residency opportunities to international students in American universities who are highly trained and in high demand, and in so doing avoid an intellectual vacuum after their graduation; and

Whereas, This reform should recognize the societal and cultural benefits of keeping the family unit intact. The system should take into account special circumstances surrounding candidates for probationary legal status, such as those of minors brought to the country as children or workers whose labor is essential to maintain our country's competitiveness: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the President and the Congress of the United States to take a comprehensive and workable approach to solving our nation's historically broken immigration system, using the principles described in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-182. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Aguada, Puerto Rico relative to urging the President of the United States of America to immediately and unconditionally release a political prisoner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Whereas, Section 5005 of Act No. 81 of August 30, 1991, as amended, known as "Autonomous Municipalities Act of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico", provides that the Municipal Legislature may approve those ordinances, resolutions and regulations on issues and matters of competition or municipal jurisdiction, pursuant to this Act or any other law, must be submitted for consideration or approval.

Whereas, Oscar Lopez Rivera has been jailed for more than 32 years in the United States, serving a sentence for reasons related to the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico. Other political prisoners serving sentences equally disproportionate have since been released, first under President Jimmy Carter and then, in 1999, being president, William J. Clinton, Oscar is the political prisoner serving the longest prison sentence, surpassing the Nobel Peace Prize and former South African President Nelson Mandela.

Whereas, A cause for the release of Oscar Lopez has joined Puerto Ricans of all faiths. Political, religious and civic organizations have called for Oscar back home. His prolonged confinement, far from serving any purpose, it has become a sign of inhumanity and injustice. The consensus forged in Puerto Rico for the freedom of Oscar, also have joined international entities.

Whereas, The Municipal Legislature joins Aguada, in turn, in a gesture of solidarity, to request the President of the United States, Barack Hussein Obama, making use of its prerogatives, available for immediate and unconditional release of Oscar Lopez Rivera: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Municipal Legislature of Aguada, Puerto Rico, the following:

Section 1st: Aguada Municipal Legislature requests the President of the United States of America, Barack Hussein Obama, who in the exercise of its powers granted immediate and unconditional freedom of Oscar Lopez Rivera.

Section 2nd: Copies of this Resolution, translated into English, will be sent to the President and the Presidents of both legislative bodies of the Congress of the United States.

Section 3rd: This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.

POM-183. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Whereas, In 1993, congress adopted a policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT), prohibiting service personnel from inquiring, or volunteering information, about their sexual orientation. Prior to 1993, federal law and military regulations prohibited homosexuality in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

Whereas, From 1980 until the repeal of DADT in 2011, over 32,000 service personnel were separated from the Armed Forces of the United States under DADT and its predecessor policies; and

Whereas, More than 13,000 service personnel were separated from the Armed Forces of the United States after the adoption of DADT. Approximately one-quarter of these discharges occurred during the service member's first four months of service; and

Whereas, California law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, genetic information, or disability; and

Whereas, Generally, veterans separated from the military with a discharge that is characterized as "dishonorable" or "other than honorable" are ineligible to receive federal or state veterans' benefits, including applicable spousal benefits; and

Whereas, Section 711.1 of the Military and Veterans Code assists veterans by requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide Internet resources, Internet links, and printed materials regarding, or created by, veterans' legal services organizations that specialize in military discharge upgrades, or links to Internet resources that provide information and printed resources provided by veterans' legal services organizations. It also provides that if the federal government acts to provide benefits to discharged veterans who were denied those benefits solely on the basis of sexual orientation pursuant to any federal policy prohibiting homosexual personnel from serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, the state shall provide to those veterans any state-offered benefits; and

Whereas, We must work to ensure that California veterans who were discriminated against solely on the basis of their sexual orientation can access benefits regardless of the classification of their discharge: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges Congress and the President to provide benefits, including applicable spousal benefits, to those veterans

discriminated against solely on the basis of their sexual orientation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-184. A resolution from town of Richmond, Wisconsin relative to amending campaign contribution rules; to the Committee on the Judiciary

POM-185. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, supporting United States Senate Bill S.744 - The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013, and urging the United States House of Representatives to pass similar legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-186. A resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Seymour, Connecticut, urging the Congress of the United States to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States Veterans who served on the inland waterways, in the territorial waters, and in the airspace over the combat zone; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1562. A bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

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

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1895. A bill to establish a commission to examine the United States monetary policy, evaluate alternative monetary regimes, and recommend a course for monetary policy going forward; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

S. Res. 328. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before further bilateral negotiations between the Government of Iran and the United States Government occur; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 273

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 273, a bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United

States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1754

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1754, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster children and youth.

S. 1761

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1761, a bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1808, a bill to prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1845

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1845, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1845, *supra*.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to provide for the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act if it is determined that the Act has resulted in increasing the number of uninsured individuals.

ORDER FOR JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATIONS

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, received from the President on today, be referred jointly to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ordered further, That the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, received from the President on today, be referred jointly to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845; that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; and that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider said bill.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

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

ORDER RELATIVE TO
CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1845

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845 at 10:30 a.m. on today, there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the majority and the minority, prior to the vote thereon.

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO
CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1845

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent, that if the motion to bring to a close

debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845 is agreed to, time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be considered concluded; that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill; that he be recognized to propose an amendment thereto, for himself and Mr. HATCH; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendment; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the majority leader, or his designee, be recognized to propose an amendment; and that majority and minority recognition for such purpose continue, in alternating fashion.

Mr. REID objected.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1845

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. DURBIN on Friday, December 20, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. DURBIN on Friday, December 20, 2013, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, December 20, 2013,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 10:30 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 37

[Rollcall Vote No. 2 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 37

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on today; and that the time during said recess be counted against the time for debate on the pending motion, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:32 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1845

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN (AIT)
AND THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE
IN THE UNITED STATES (TECRO)
CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY -- PM 26

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "Agreement"). I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the Agreement. (In accordance with section 123 of the Act, as amended by title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), a classified annex to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately.) The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of Taiwan with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with other countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries, pursuant to section 102A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 403-1), as amended, is

being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The proposed Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

The proposed Agreement provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with the authorities on Taiwan based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. The proposed Agreement has an indefinite term from the date of its entry-into-force, unless terminated by either party on 1 year's written notice. The proposed Agreement permits the transfer of information, material, equipment (including reactors), and components for nuclear research and nuclear power production. The Agreement also specifies cooperation shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and applicable legal obligations, including, as appropriate, treaties, international agreements, domestic laws, regulations, and/or licensing requirements (such as those imposed by the NRC in accordance with 10 CFR 110 and the Department of Energy in accordance with 10 CFR 810). It does not permit transfers of Restricted Data, sensitive nuclear technology and facilities, or major critical components of such facilities. The proposed Agreement also prohibits the possession of sensitive nuclear facilities and any engagement in activities involving sensitive nuclear technology in the territory of the authorities represented by TECRO. In the event of termination of the proposed Agreement, key nonproliferation conditions and controls continue with respect to material, equipment, and components subject to the proposed Agreement.

Over the last two decades, the authorities on Taiwan have established a reliable record on nonproliferation and on commitments to nonproliferation. While the political status of the authorities on Taiwan prevents them from formally acceding to multilateral nonproliferation treaties or agreements, the authorities on Taiwan have voluntarily assumed commitments to adhere to the provisions of multilateral treaties and initiatives. The Republic of China ratified the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) in 1970 and ratified the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (the "Biological Weapons Convention" or "BWC") in 1972. The authorities on Taiwan have stated that they will continue to abide by the obligations of the NPT (i.e., those of a non-nuclear-weapon state) and the BWC, and the United States regards them as bound by both treaties. The authorities on Taiwan

follow International Atomic Energy Agency standards and directives in their nuclear program, work closely with U.S. civilian nuclear authorities, and have established relationships with mainland Chinese civilian authorities with respect to nuclear safety. A more detailed discussion of the domestic civil nuclear activities and nuclear nonproliferation policies and practices of the authorities on Taiwan, including their nuclear export policies and practices, is provided in the NPAS and in a classified annex to the NPAS submitted separately. As noted above, an addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of the authorities on Taiwan with respect to nuclear-related matters is being submitted to you separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested agencies in reviewing the proposed Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the Agreement and authorized its execution and urge the Congress to give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in section 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 2014.*

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

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

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1896. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit and provide designated allocations for areas impacted by a decline in manufacturing; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr.

CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 329. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, DC and designating April 21 through April 27, 2014, as "National Science and Technology Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes.

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 249

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes.

S. 270

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 270, a bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to ensure that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to create two additional judge positions on the court established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and modify the procedures for the appointment of judges to that court, and for other purposes.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to establish the Office of the Special Advocate to provide advocacy in cases before courts established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1595

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing

competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1778

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1778, a bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

S. 1796

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1796, a bill to increase the participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields, to encourage and support students from all economic backgrounds to pursue STEM career opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1802, a bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1846

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1846, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1869

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr.

CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1869, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to provide for the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act if it is determined that the Act has resulted in increasing the number of uninsured individuals.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 7, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on January 7, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the Syrian refugee crisis.

AUTHORIZING OF REPORTING OF COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTIONS

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 288) authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

EXPRESSING SENSE OF SENATE RELATIVE TO POLITICAL REFORM IN BANGLADESH

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 318) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

The title was amended, as reported by the Committee, so as to read: "A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political dialogue in Bangladesh, and for other purposes."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 319) expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovich's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REED,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 329) expressing support for the goals and ideals of the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, DC and designating April 21 through April 27, 2014, as "National Science and Technology Week", submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on said motion to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 8, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1845

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. DURBIN on Friday, December 20, 2013, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

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

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, January 8, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1614. A bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 267. A bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated

fishing through port State measures (Rept. No. 113-132).

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

S. 1068. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-133).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1897. A bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1898. A bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

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

S. 91

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit.

S. 127

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 1128

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1128, a bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1452, a bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to ensure that persons who form corporations in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations, in order to prevent the formation of corporations with hidden owners, stop the misuse of United States corporations by wrongdoers, and assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and

punishing terrorism, money laundering, tax evasion, and other criminal and civil misconduct involving United States corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1565

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1565, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

S. 1618

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government.

S. 1729

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide further options with respect to levels of coverage under qualified health plans.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1845

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1845, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1848, a bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111-148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges.

S. 1869

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1869, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1869, supra.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 328

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 328, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before further bilateral negotiations between the Government of Iran and the United States Government occur.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 8, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on January 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the GAO Report on Government Support For Bank Holding Companies."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1614. A bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes.

At 1:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 451, resolving that the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

REDESIGNATING A FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER AND AERONAUTICAL TEST RANGE

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 667) to redesignate the Dryden

Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

RELATIVE TO TRANSPORT AND DISPENSING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY VETERINARIANS

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

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1171) to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the majority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, at 12 noon, time for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845, pursuant to rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. PORTMAN.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 6:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 9, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY,
AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL
S. 1845

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, the period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, continue until 12:30 p.m. on today; that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, be considered concluded at 2:15 p.m. on today.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4193. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed permanent transfer of major defense equipment to a Middle Eastern country (OSS 2013-1926); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4194. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1936); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4195. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2013-1935); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4196. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period August 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4197. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-166); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4198. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-158); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4199. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2013-0202 - 2013-0204); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4200. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Third Rule Implementing Export Control Reform" (RIN1400-AD46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4201. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of U.S. forces to support the security of U.S. personnel and our Embassy in South Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4202. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding (OFCGCR) appropriation, Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 7090116; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4203. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2,5-Furandione, polymer with ethenylbenzene, reaction products with polyethylene-polypropylene glycol 2-aminopropyl Me ether; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9902-90), received during adjournment of the Senate in the

Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4204. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9904-30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4205. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isopyrazam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4206. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 9904-15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4207. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Photovoltaic Devices" ((RIN0750-AI18)(DFARS Case 2014-D006)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4208. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Trade Agreements Thresholds" ((RIN0750-AI17)(DFARS Case 2013-D032)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4209. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 annual report on the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4210. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting,

pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's Chemical Demilitarization Program (CDP); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4211. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4212. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to blocking property of the Government of the Russian Federation relating to the disposition of highly enriched uranium extracted from nuclear weapons that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4213. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4214. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Certain References to Credit Ratings Under the Investment Company Act" (RIN3235-AL02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4215. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans" ((RIN3170-AA11)(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4216. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4217. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2012 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4218. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4219. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Russia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4220. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4221. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z): Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" (12 CFR Part 1026), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4222. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C): Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold" (12 CFR Part 1003), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4223. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Certain References to Credit Ratings Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AL14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4224. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests In and Relationships With Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN3235-AL07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 1899. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a consumer renewable credit for a utility that sells renewable power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1900. A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1901. A bill to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1902. A bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1903. A bill to provide greater fee disclosures for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 1904. A bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1905. A bill to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1906. A bill to establish the Office of Net Assessment within the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1907. A bill to amend a provision of the Bank Holding company Act of 1956 regarding prohibitions on investments in certain funds to clarify that such provision shall not be construed to require the divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities or debt securities of collateralized loan obligations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 1908. A bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1909. A bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1910. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Pat Summitt, in recognition of her remarkable career as an unparalleled figure in women's team sports, and for her courage in speaking out openly and courageously about her battle with Alzheimer's; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1911. A bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1912. A bill to clarify that certain banking entities are not required to divest from collateralized debt obligations backed by trust preferred securities under the Volcker Rule; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

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

S. 127

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 217

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1383

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1383, a bill to provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, provide summer employment and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and carry out work-related and educational strategies and activities of demonstrated effectiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1846

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1846, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111-148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1881, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 317

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 317, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 9, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., to hold a hearing on the situation in Sudan.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 9, 2014, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 724. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles.

H.R. 3527. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3628. An act to eliminate certain unnecessary reporting requirements and consolidate or modify others, and for other purposes.

At 2:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 667. An act to redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 724. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3628. An act to eliminate certain unnecessary reporting requirements and consolidate or modify others, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:35 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1845 was considered concluded.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID questioned the presence of a quorum.

Pending further ascertainment of a quorum, Mr. PORTMAN asked unanimous consent that the call of the quorum be withdrawn.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

Pending further ascertainment of a quorum.

Mr. PORTMAN asked unanimous consent that the call of the quorum be withdrawn.

Mrs. BOXER objected.

Pending ascertainment of a quorum.

When

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

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. REED) to amend the pending bill by striking all beginning with section 2 through the end of section 6, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2631).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2632).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2631; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2631 to bill S. 1845:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, MARTIN HEINRICH, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, MICHAEL F. BENNET, DICK DURBIN, PATTY MURRAY, MAX BAUCUS, DEBBIE STABENOW, BILL NELSON, AMY KLOBUCHAR, TOM CARPER, EDWARD J. MARKEY, BEN CARDIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, CHUCK SCHUMER, PAT LEAHY.

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2633).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2634).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place,

by striking "4 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 2635).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 1845; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1845:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, AMY KLOBUCHAR, ELIZABETH WARREN, DICK DURBIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, EDWARD J. MARKEY, TAMMY BALDWIN, PAT LEAHY, CHRIS COONS, B.A. MIKULSKI, PATTY MURRAY, MARK R. WARNER, MAZIE K. HIRONO, CHRIS MURPHY, TOM HARKIN, SHERROD BROWN.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. REID questioned the presence of a quorum.

Pending ascertainment of a quorum,

Mr. PORTMAN asked unanimous consent that the call of the quorum be withdrawn.

Mr. REID objected.

Pending ascertainment of a quorum.

When

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

Ordered, That the quorum call be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

Mr. COATS asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2611).

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. AYOTTE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that she be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2603).

Mrs. BOXER objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Ms. AYOTTE to lay the pending motion to commit the bill to the

Committee on Finance with instructions on the table.

On motion by Ms. AYOTTE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 42, nays... 54

[Rollcall Vote No. 3 Leg.]

YEAS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 54

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER VOTE RELATIVE TO CERTAIN NOMINATION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the motion, entered by him on Monday, November 18, 2013, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 53, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 4 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

ORDER FOR FURTHER PERIOD FOR TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

CALLING ON IRAN FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF ROBERT LEVINSON

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 312) calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON) to amend the accompanying preamble, at the appropriate place, by striking certain words (being amendment No. 2638).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON), so as to read: "A resolution urging the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history."

**QUORUMS WAIVED RELATIVE TO
BILL S. 1845 AND AMENDMENT NO.
2631 THERETO**

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

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule relative to the motions to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1845, and on amendment No. 2631 thereto, be waived.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 13, 2014, AND FOR
PROGRAM**

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate then resume consideration of bill S. 1845.

Ordered further, That, on Monday next, Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to bill S. 1845 until 3 p.m., and second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2631 until 4:30 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert Wilkins to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate resume its legislative session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2631 to bill S. 1845.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:18 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014,

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

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1846**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1846) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2634, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of its executive business (involving one rollcall Vote), during which the following occurred:

ORDER RELATIVE TO BILL S. 1845

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

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2631 to bill S. 1845 on tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. (instead of upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Leon Wilkins on today); and that, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1845.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2631 is not agreed to, the Senate then immediately vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

**EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT**

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1845.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

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

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4225. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4226. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4227. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Health and Human Service's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 2013 through September 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4228. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4229. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, National Protection and Program Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4230. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4231. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4232. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of April 1, 2013

through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4233. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4234. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4235. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Regulations; Exempted Senior Employee Positions" (RIN3209-AA14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4236. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4237. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4238. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4239. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4240. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2013; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4241. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4242. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4243. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4244. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4245. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4246. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Preserving the Integrity of the Federal Merit Systems: Understanding and Addressing Perceptions of Favoritism"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4247. A communication from the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4248. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4249. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-72), received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4250. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Trade Agreements Thresholds" (FAC 2005-72), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4251. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prioritizing Sources of Supplies and Services for Use by the Government" (FAC 2005-72), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4252. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Service Contracts Reporting Requirements" (FAC 2005-72), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4253. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-72; Introduction" (FAC 2005-72), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4254. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4255. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4256. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4257. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4258. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4259. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4260. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address for the Department of Veterans Affairs 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4261. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Interior's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4262. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4263. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1352. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S. 1913. A bill to make permanent the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1914. A bill to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue NE, Washington, DC, as the "Eliot Ness ATF Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 1915. A bill to permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options to individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 330. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of "Smoking and Health: Report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the United States" and the significant progress in reducing the public health burden of tobacco use, and supporting an end to tobacco-related death and disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 331. A resolution congratulating the Florida State University football team for winning the 2014 Bowl Championship Series national championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 332. A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement.

S. 644

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1759, a bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program.

S. 1788

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1788, a bill to make it a negotiating principle of the United States in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements to seek the inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1844

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1844, a bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

S. 1869

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1869, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1878

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1878, a bill to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 1880, a bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to

retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.

S. 1891

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1891, a bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General regarding the restart provision of the Hours of Service Rules for Commercial Truck Drivers, and for other purposes.

S. 1897

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1897, a bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1907

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1907, a bill to amend a provision of the Bank Holding company Act of 1965 regarding prohibitions on investments in certain funds to clarify that such provision shall not be construed to require the divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities or debt securities of collateralized loan obligations.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

AUTHORITY FOR A COMMITTEE TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet in executive session on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., in room S-214.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2279. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act relating to review of regulations under such Act and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 relating to financial responsibility for classes of facilities.

H.R. 3811. An act to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 2279. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act relating to review of regulations under such Act and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 relating to financial responsibility for classes of facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3811. An act to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA
STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL
TEAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 331) congratulating the Florida State University football team for winning the 2014 Bowl Championship Series national championship, submitted today by Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

CONGRATULATING THE NORTH
DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
FOOTBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 332) congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title, submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1845; that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to bill S. 1845 until 11 a.m.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, time from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate on bill S. 1845.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:10 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1846

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1846) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4264. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) three reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4265. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Importation of Avocados From Continental Spain" ((RIN0579-AD63)(Docket No. APHIS-2012-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4266. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Apricots From Continental Spain" ((RIN0579-AD62)-(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0132)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4267. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethyl esters of glutaric acid (i.e., dimethyl glutarate), succinic acid (i.e., dimethyl succinate), and adipic acid (i.e., dimethyl adipate); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9904-57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4268. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4269. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defining Larger Participants of the Student Loan Servicing Market" ((RIN3170-AA35)-(Docket No. CFPB-2013-0005)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4270. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4271. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Person from the Entity List Based on a Removal Request" (RIN0694-AG03), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7,

2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4272. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners v. United States Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4273. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4274. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4275. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential Furnace Fans" (RIN1904-AC21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4276. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Alternative Efficiency Determination Methods, Basic Model Definition, and Compliance for Commercial HVAC, Refrigeration, and WH Equipment" (RIN1904-AC46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4277. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN1904-AA43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4278. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4279. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2012"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4280. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4281. A communication from the Co-Chief Privacy Officers, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Privacy Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4282. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Penalty for Breaking Points" (RIN2900-AO51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4283. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Residential Care" (RIN2900-AO62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4284. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Duty Periods for Establishing Eligibility for Health Care" (RIN2900-AO25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4285. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2014" (RIN2900-AO91), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S. 1916. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for a county to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1917. A bill to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; read the first time.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1918. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special change in status rule for employees who become eligible for TRICARE; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1919. A bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1920. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the research and development credit to encourage innovation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1921. A bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1922. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the illegal trafficking of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits by requiring all program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1923. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 1924. A bill to require a report on INF Treaty compliance information sharing; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KING, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1925. A bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1926. A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act,

improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1533

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1533, a bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 1846

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1846, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111-148 concerning the notice requirements

regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges.

S. 1853

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1853, a bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1907

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1907, a bill to amend a provision of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 regarding prohibitions on investments in certain funds to clarify that such provision shall not be construed to require the divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities or debt securities of collateralized loan obligations.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options to individuals.

SENATE RESOLUTION 330

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 330, a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of "Smoking and Health: Report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the United States" and the significant progress in reducing the public health burden of tobacco use, and supporting an end to tobacco-related death and disease.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., for a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing titled "Examining Conference and Travel Spending Across the Federal Government."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the Report of the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technology.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on Department of Defense counterterrorism operations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Management of Air Traffic Controller Training Contacts."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:27 p.m., a message from the House, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 230. An act to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 841. An act to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1513. An act to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, to limit the means by which property within such revised boundaries may be acquired, and for other purposes.

At 2:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 106. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

At 5:47 p.m., a message from the House, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 230. An act to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 841. An act to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2634, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:36 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1845.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1845 AND RELATED AMENDMENTS

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the motions to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1845 and amendment No. 2631 thereto be withdrawn; that the motion to commit and amendment No. 2631 be withdrawn; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be proposed; that it be in order for the majority and minority to each propose five amendments, relative to the subject of the bill, to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute); that an amendment (in "side-by-side" fashion) be in order to be proposed relative to each amendment proposed; that each amendment be proposed by 4 p.m. on tomorrow; that no other amendment or motion to commit be in order; that no point of order be in order to be raised relative to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) or the bill; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate on the amendments, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments (to the amendment, in the nature of a substitute) in "stacked" sequence in the order proposed; that, if a "side-by-side" amendment is proposed, the Senate vote first in relation thereto, and then in relation to the amendment in relation to which it was proposed; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that, if the bill, as amended, is passed, the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2009) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of bill S. 1845, as passed, be inserted in lieu thereof (being an

amendment, in the nature of a substitute); that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; that an amendment to the title be proposed and agreed to; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that it be in order to propose an amendment (Numbered 2651) on behalf of Mr. HELLER.

Mr. REID objected.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that it be in order to propose an amendment (Numbered 2606) on behalf of Mr. COBURN.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No. 2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL to lay the pending motion to commit on the table.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing of agreeing to the pending motion to table.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 45, nays... 55

[Rollcall Vote No. 8 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 55

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635 to amendment No.

2634 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

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

Ordered, That each of the next two votes be 10 minutes in duration.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014, as modified yesterday and today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2631 to bill S. 1845.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 52, nays... 48

[Rollcall Vote No. 9 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 48

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014, as modified yesterday and today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1845.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 9, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 55, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 10 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 106 ON TOMORROW

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

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today; that no amendment, motion, or point of order be in order thereto; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the joint resolution be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the joint resolution.

POISON CENTER NETWORK ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3527) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, January 9, 2014, and remaining

undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

DESIGNATING THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD J. SEITZ COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1434) to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

BILL READ FOR THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces, introduced today by Mrs. MCCASKILL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

BILL READ FOR THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1926) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National

Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MENENDEZ, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 12 noon, the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 106, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 15, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1846

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1846) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

On motion by Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces, introduced on yesterday, by Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. FISCHER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

On motion by Mr. REID,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1926) bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood

Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday, by Mr. MENENDEZ, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1846

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1846.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Mr. TOOMEY asked that it be in order for him to propose, for Mr. COBURN, amendment No. 2606 to bill S. 1845.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) held that the pending question is the motion to proceed to bill S. 1846, and amendment No. 2606, not being thereto, is not in order.

Mr. TOOMEY appealed the ruling of the chair.

The question being, shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

The hour of 12 noon having passed,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent; and

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 86, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 11 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 14

Barrasso, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Vitter.

So the joint resolution passed.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That remarks by him, and Mr. MERKLEY, continue for 5 minutes; and that at the conclusion of said remarks, the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

After debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 4:24 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 7:33 P.M.

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

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 3547

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 3547) to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014, and had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 3547:

HARRY REID, B. MIKULSKI, BEN CARDIN, CHRIS COONS, PATRICK LEAHY, BRIAN SCHATZ, JACK REED, TOM UDALL, JEANNE SHAHEEN, TIM KAINE, PATTY MURRAY, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, JEFF MERKLEY, MARK UDALL, T.R. HARKIN, MARK BEGICH, MARY LANDRIEU.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 2655).

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day" and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2656).

On motion by Mr. REID to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2657).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2657) contained in the pending motion to refer by striking "3 days" and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2658).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4 days" and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 2659).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, January 15, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 230. A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4286. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Study (GLMRIS) Report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4287. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Delegating Falconry Permitting to 17 States" (RIN1018-BA01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4288. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eagle Permits; Changes in the Regulations Governing Eagle Permitting" (RIN1018-AX91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4289. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Transnuclear, Inc. Standardized NUHOMS Cask System" (RIN3150-AJ10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4290. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or

Modification; Permits for Specific Designated Facilities" (FRL No. 9905-07-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4291. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Request for Delegation of Authority for Prevention of Accidental Release, North Dakota Department of Agriculture" (FRL No. 9904-88-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4292. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Attainment Demonstration for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9904-96-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4293. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Non-interference Demonstration for Removal of Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Area" (FRL No. 9904-89-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4294. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System: Conditional Exclusion for Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Streams in Geologic Sequestration Activities" (FRL No. 9904-84-OSWER), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4295. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, Mojave

Desert Air Quality Management District, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9902-71-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4296. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Greater Connecticut Area" (FRL No. 9904-45-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4297. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Dumping Regulations; Atchafalaya-West Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Designation; Calcasieu, Sabine Neches, and Atchafalaya-East Site Corrections" (FRL No. 9904-86-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4298. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Secondary Lead Smelting" (FRL No. 9904-38-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4299. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Approval of the 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Liberty-Clairton Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard and Revisions to Regulations of Allegheny County" (FRL No. 9904-50-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4300. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Disapproval of State Implementation Plan Revision for ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor" (FRL No. 9904-71-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4301. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Reasonable Further Progress Plan, Contingency Measures, Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets, and a Vehicle Miles Traveled Offset Analysis for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1997 8-Hour Severe Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9904-72-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4302. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9904-47-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4303. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Standards and Practices for all Appropriate Inquiries Under CERCLA" (FRL No. 9904-52-OSWER), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4304. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Lancaster 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9904-49-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4305. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Bristol; 2010 Lead Base Year Emissions Inventory and Conversion of Conditional Approvals for Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9905-13-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4306. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Environmental Speed Limit Revision for the Dallas/Fort Worth 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9905-16-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4307. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Missouri; Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 9905-03-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4308. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Rules and Regulations for Control of Air Pollution; Permitting of Grandfathered Facilities" (FRL No. 9905-05-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4309. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida: Non-interference Demonstration for Removal of Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement" (FRL No. 9905-09-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Total Suspended Particulate Matter SIP Revision" (FRL No. 9905-32-

Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, El Dorado County Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9905-29-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4312. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements" (Notice 2013-84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4313. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2013-85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4314. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In-Plan Rollovers to Designated Roth Accounts in Retirement Plans" (Notice 2013-74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4315. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Agent by Application" (Notice 2013-39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4316. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to designating Curacao as a beneficiary country for the purposes of the CBERA and CBTPA; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4317. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions and Reporting Requirements for Shareholders of Passive Foreign Investment Companies;

Insurance Income of a Controlled Foreign Corporation for Taxable Years Beginning After December 31, 1986" (TD 9650), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4318. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - January 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4319. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final FFI Agreement for Participating FFI and Reporting Model 2 FFI" (Rev. Proc. 2014-13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4320. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cafeteria Plans, Flexible Spending Arrangements, and Health Savings Accounts - Elections and Reimbursements for Same-Sex Spouses Following the Windsor Supreme Court Decision" (Notice 2014-1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4321. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Credit Guidance" (Rev. Proc. 2014-12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4322. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Reinstating the Tax-Exempt Status of Organizations Revoked under IRC Section 6033(j)" (Rev. Proc. 2014-11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4323. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Demonstration (MEPD)"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4324. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Verification of Household Income and Other Qualifications for the Provision of Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credits and Cost-Sharing Reductions"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4325. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the Child Support Program for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4326. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships: Exception for Certain Electronic Health Records Arrangements" (RIN0938-AR70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4327. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and State Health Care Programs: Fraud and Abuse; Electronic Health Records Safe Harbor Under the Anti-Kickback Statute" (RIN0991-AB33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4328. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; State Plan Home and Community-Based Services, 5-Year Period Waivers, Provider Payment Reassignment, and Home and Community-Based Setting Requirements for Community First Choice and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers" (RIN0938-AO53; RIN0938-AP61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4329. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological Material from China" (RIN1515-AD99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4330. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4331. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4332. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4333. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citizen Petition Submission; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2013-S-0610), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4334. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Rocky Flats Plant in Golden, Colorado, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4335. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Sandia National Laboratories-Livermore in Livermore, California, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4336. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4337. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Geographic Variation in the Cost of Living: Implications for the Poverty Guidelines and Program

Eligibility"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4338. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4339. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4340. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Compensation Service and Pension and Fiduciary Service Nomenclature Changes" (RIN2900-AO64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4341. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Minimum Property and Construction Requirements" (RIN2900-AO67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4342. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Court's annual report for the year ended September 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-187. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Carolina repealing Joint Resolution 775 from 1976 and rescinding all previous calls for a constitutional convention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. 3400

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, acting with the best of intentions, at various times and during various sessions, has previously made applications to Congress to call one or more conventions to propose either a single amendment concerning a specific subject or to call a general convention to propose an unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States

Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V thereof; and

Whereas, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America Warren E. Burger, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Arthur J. Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in applying for such a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to a constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than two hundred years and has been found to be a sound document which protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

Whereas, there is no need for, rather, there is great danger in, a new constitution or in opening the Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which would only create legal chaos in this nation and only begin the process of another two centuries of litigation over its meaning and interpretation. Now, therefore, be it

Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Repeal

Section 1. Joint Resolution 775 of 1976 is repealed.

Disavowed

Section 2. The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina disavows any other calls or applications for a constitutional convention made to Congress prior to the effective date of this act, by any means expressed, including, but not limited to, S. 1024 of 1978.

Copies forwarded

Section 3. The Secretary of State is directed to forward copies of this act bearing the Great Seal of the State to the following persons: The President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Time effective

Section 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Review of the Terrorist Attacks on U.S. Facilities in

Benghazi, Libya, September 11-12, 2012" (Rept. No. 113-134). Additional views filed.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1901. A bill to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1927. A bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FLAKE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1928. A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to study the expenses incurred by the Pentagon to meet its renewable energy and energy efficiency mandates; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1929. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the State of Alaska certain land for the purpose of building a road between the community of King Cove and the all-weather airport in Cold Bay, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1930. A bill to repeal the annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1931. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S. 1932. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare Better Care Program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1933. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1934. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1358

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1648

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1648, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Memorial Day.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1778

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1778, a bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1827

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1844

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

S. 1869

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1869, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1896

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1896, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit and provide designated allocations for areas impacted by a decline in manufacturing.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through

greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002.

SENATE RESOLUTION 323

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 323, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on maintaining the current annual adjustment in retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62.

SENATE RESOLUTION 330

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 330, a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of "Smoking and Health: Report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the United States" and the significant progress in reducing the public health burden of tobacco use, and supporting an end to tobacco-related death and disease.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The committee will hold a hearing entitled "The Future of Unmanned Aviation in the U.S. Economy: Safety and Privacy Considerations."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2 p.m., to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Implications of the Crisis in Ukraine."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, to conduct a hearing entitled "Aging in Comfort: Assessing the Special Needs of America's Holocaust Survivors." The committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2:15 pm.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Regulating Financial Holding Companies and Physical Commodities."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 801. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies.

H.R. 1233. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2274. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

H.R. 2860. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management may use amounts in the revolving fund of the Office to fund audits, investigations, and oversight activities, and for other purposes.

At 2:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 3527. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national

media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 106. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

At 4:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3547.

The message further announced that the House concurs in the Senate amendment to the title of the bill (H.R. 3547) to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014, and agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTION SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution, which were previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 230. An act to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3527. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 106. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 801. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1233. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

H.R. 2274. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers performing services in connection

with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies and to provide for regulation appropriate to the limited scope of the activities of such brokers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1931) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PORTMAN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate then resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3547.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge

of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 16, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1931) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. PORTMAN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1926

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1926) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National

Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL
H.R. 3547

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 3547) to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches, and had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2659, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2658, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2657) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That time until 4:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. REED and Mr. DURBIN, or their designees; that the time from 4:45 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; and that, at 5:15 p.m., there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Ms. MIKULSKI and Mr. SHELBY, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m., the quorum under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate be waived; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 3547; that, if said motion is agreed to, the motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn; that time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur; that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 74) providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3547; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2659 to amendment No. 2658 to the instructions (designated

amendment No. 2657) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that his amendment No. 2685 be proposed, and agreed to.

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

Pending debate,

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that his amendment No. 2686 be proposed, and agreed to.

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

Pending debate,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2659 to amendment No. 2658 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2657) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 3547.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 72, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 12 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Barrasso, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The motion having been agreed to,

The motion to refer, being inconsistent with cloture, fell (taking with it amendments Numbered 2657, 2658, and 2659 thereto).

Pursuant to the order of today,

The motion to concur with amendment No. 2655 was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 2656 thereto).

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was considered concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Ms. CANTWELL

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 72, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 13 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Barrasso, Burr, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Toomey.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion to concur.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The motion to concur having been agreed to,

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT
OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3547

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con.

Res. 74) providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3547, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1926

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926:

HARRY REID, ROBERT MENENDEZ, MARY LANDRIEU, SHERROD BROWN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, JOE MANCHIN, TOM UDALL, PATRICK J. LEAHY, BILL NELSON, CHRIS COONS, CHRIS MURPHY, MARK R. WARNER, KAY R. HAGAN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, TIM KAINE, TOM CARPER, DIANNE FEINSTEIN.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4343. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Releasing Information; General Provisions; Accounting

and Reporting Requirements; Reports of Accounts and Exposures" (RIN3052-AC76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4344. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tolfenpyrad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4345. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans" (RIN1557-AD70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4346. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4347. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4348. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's 2014 Report on Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4349. A communication from the President of the Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4350. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4351. A communication from the Administrator, General Services

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4352. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4353. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4354. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4355. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4356. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-232, "Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4357. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-233, "YMCA Community Investment Initiative Real Property Tax Exemption Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4358. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-234, "Transportation Infrastructure Mitigation Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4359. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-235, "Transportation Infrastructure Improvements GARVEE Bond Financing Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4360. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-236, "Department of Health Grant-Making Authority for Clinical Nutritional Home Services Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4361. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-237, "Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4362. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-238, "Party Officer Elections Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4363. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-239, "Department of Corrections Central Cellblock Management Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4364. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-240, "Board of Elections Nominating Petition Circulator Affidavit Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4365. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-241, "Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4366. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-242, "Parent and Student Empowerment Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4367. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-247, "Controlled Substance, Alcohol Testing, Criminal Background Check and Background Investigation Temporary Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4368. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-248, "Distillery Pub Licensure Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4369. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-249, "Campaign Finance Reform and Transparency Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4370. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-250, "Prohibition on Government Employee Engagement in Political Activity Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4371. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-251, "Manufacturers' Sunday Sale Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4372. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-252, "Manufacturer Tasting Permit Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4373. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-253, "Funeral and Memorial Service Leave Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4374. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-254, "Focused Student Achievement Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4375. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-255, "Tax Clarity Equity Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4376. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-256, "Historic Music Cultural Institutions Expansion Tax Abatement Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4377. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 20-257, "Fair Student Funding and School-Based Budgeting Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4378. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-258, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 858, S.O. 12-03336, Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4379. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-259, "Earned Sick and Safe Leave Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4380. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-260, "Tax Exemption for Teacher Awards Temporary Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S. 1871, An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-135).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1935. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore access to diabetic testing supplies for Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1936. A bill to improve the response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1937. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to develop contingency plans to address unexpected emergencies or natural disasters that may

threaten to disrupt the administration of an election for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1938. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KING):

S. 1939. A bill to repeal the War Powers Resolution and to provide for proper war powers consultation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1940. A bill to provide reimbursement under the Medicaid program to individuals and entities that provide voluntary non-emergency medical transportation to Medicaid beneficiaries for expenses related to no-load travel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 1941. A bill to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1942. A bill to ensure that the United States promotes women's meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1943. A bill to incentivize State support for postsecondary education and to promote increased access and affordability for higher education for students, including Dreamer students; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1944. A bill to amend XVIII of the Social Security Act to distribute additional information to Medicare beneficiaries to prevent health care fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1945. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1946. A bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1947. A bill to rename the Government Printing Office the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1948. A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1949. A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1950. A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1951. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to make responsible parties liable for certain costs relating to the release of pollutants or contaminants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 1952. A bill to provide support to develop career and technical education programs of study and facilities in the areas of renewable energy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1953. A bill to amend certain provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Inspector General Improvement Act of 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1954. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic

services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1955. A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 1956. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KING, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COATS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 1957. A bill to establish the American Infrastructure Fund, to provide bond guarantees and make loans to States, local governments, and infrastructure providers for investments in certain infrastructure projects, and to provide equity investments in such projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1958. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to raise the per-incident cap on removal actions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S.J. Res. 30. A joint resolution to disapprove a rule of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to greenhouse gas emissions from electric utility generating units; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 333. A resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 334. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARPER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 335. A resolution designating January 2014 as "National Mentoring Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 336. A resolution designating the first week of April 2014 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 178

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of

1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 919

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1236

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1236, a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1911

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1913

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1913, a bill to make permanent the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense.

S. 1926

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, a concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Progress Report on Public Transportation Under MAP-21."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The committee will hold a hearing entitled "Locating 911 Callers in a Wireless World."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a Business Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 16, 2014, at 9:15 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Review of the President's Climate Action Plan."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Advancing Congress's Trade Agenda: the Role of Trade Negotiating Authority."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a nominations hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening Federal Access Programs to Meet 21st Century Needs: A Look at TRIO and GEAR UP" on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at a time to be determined during first vote of the day in S-219 to consider pending nominations before the Committee.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 335) designating January 2014 as "National Mentoring Month", submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARPER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. RUBIO), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 336) designating the first week of April 2014 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week", submitted today by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself,

Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, and Mr. TESTER), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. SANDERS; which was read for the first time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the PRESIDENT of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

Ordered, That during the recess or adjournment of the Senate, from today through Monday, January 27, 2014, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:15 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11:15 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday January 24, 2014, for a pro forma session; and that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate concludes its business on Friday, January 24, 2014, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014; that, on Monday, January 27, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11:15 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014

Mr. MARK R. WARNER, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 11:15:08 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 17, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 11:15:49 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014

Mrs. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, from the State of New York, called the Senate to order at 10:30:08 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 21, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, January 16, 2014,

At 10:30:36 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, January 16, 2014, until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 9:30:03 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 24, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. REED took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, January 16, 2014,

At 9:30:34 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, January 16, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, January 27, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 16, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 16, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1926

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1926) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, January 16, 2014 by Mr. SANDERS, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1926

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 16, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 16, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 86, nays... 13

[Rollcall Vote No. 14 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

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

NAYS --- 13

Barrasso, Coburn, Corker, Crapo, Enzi, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Shelby.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

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

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4381. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4382. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report relative to the Do-Not-Call Registry Fee Extension Act of 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4383. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of

Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD028), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4384. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Quarterly Financial Reporting Requirements" (RIN2126-AB69; Formerly RIN2126-AB48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4385. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; U.S. Navy Training and Testing Activities in the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing Study Area" (RIN0648-BC52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4386. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4387. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Unverified List (UVL)" (RIN0694-AF70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4388. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trawl Rationalization Program; Cost Recovery" (RIN0648-BB17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4389. A communication from the Management Analyst, Office of Internal Control and Management Systems, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Redundant Regulations" (RIN2700-AE11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4390. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery; 2014-2016 Fishing Quotas" (RIN0648-XC855), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4391. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan for Guided Sport and Commercial Fisheries in Alaska" (RIN0648-BA37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4392. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the Commonwealth of Virginia" (RIN0648-XD004), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4393. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2013 Accountability Measure and Closure for Hogfish in the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XC981), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4394. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD013), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4395. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Areas" (RIN0648-XD029), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4396. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BD71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 27, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4397. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Final Rule to Allow Northeast Multispecies Sector Vessels Access to Year-Round Closed Areas" (RIN0648-BD09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4398. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Extension of Emergency Fishery Closure Due to the Presence of the Toxin That Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning" (RIN0648-BD84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4399. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-BD40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4400. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-XC975),

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4401. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-X976), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4402. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD025), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4403. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Available for the State of New Jersey" (RIN0648-XD012), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4404. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the 2014 Gulf of Mexico Recreational Season for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XC967), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4405. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey" (RIN0648-XD030), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4406. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD021), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4407. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XD024), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4408. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD027), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4409. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Red Porgy" (RIN0648-XC982), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4410. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting and Non-Whiting Allocations; Pacific Whiting Seasons" (RIN0648-XD016), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4411. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; 2014 Commercial Summer Flounder Quota Adjustments" (RIN0648-XD026), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4412. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Revisions to Headboat Reporting Requirements for Species Managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council" (RIN0648-BD21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4413. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 27" (RIN0648-BD05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4414. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Inner Harbor Navigational Canal, New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0562)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4415. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Christina River, Wilmington, DE" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1085)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4416. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Port of Galveston, Pelican Island Bridge Repairs" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0698)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4417. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Oyster Festival 30th Anniversary Fireworks Display, Oyster Bay; Oyster Bay, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0763)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4418. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series; Thompson Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0746)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4419. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Motion Picture Stunt Work and Filming; Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0868)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4420. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Old Mormon Slough, Stockton, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0196)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4421. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Willamette River, Oregon City, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0623)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4422. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Diego Shark Fest Swim; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0786)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4423. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Barge Launches; Gulfport Lake; Gulfport, MS" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0837)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4424. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River Mile 94.1 - Mile 95.1; New Orleans,

LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0989)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4425. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Allied PRA-Solid Works, San Diego Bay; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0992)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4426. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; New Year's Eve Celebration/City of Mobile; Mobile Channel; Mobile, AL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0980)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4427. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Vessel Launch; Menominee River; Marinette, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1012)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4428. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2013 Holiday Boat Parades, Captain of the Port Miami Zone; FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0939)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4429. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sausalito Lighted Boat Parade Fireworks Displays, San Francisco Bay, Sausalito, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0930)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4430. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Clearwater Super Boat National Championship Race, Gulf of Mexico;

Clearwater FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0101)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4431. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver for Marking Sunken Vessel with a Light at Night" ((RIN1625-AC11)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0054)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4432. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Reporting Requirements for Barges Loaded With Certain Dangerous Cargoes, Inland Rivers, Eighth Coast Guard District; Extension of Stay (Suspension)" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0760)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4433. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Weymouth Fore River, Fore River Bridge Construction, Weymouth and Quincy, MA" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2012-AA11)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4434. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Reporting Requirements for Barges Loaded With Certain Dangerous Cargoes, Inland Rivers, Ninth Coast Guard District; Stay (Suspension)" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0849)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4435. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Gulf of Mexico: Mississippi Canyon Block 20, South of New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0064)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4436. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4437. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ehrenberg, First Mesa, Kachina Village, Munds Park, Wickenburg, and Williams, Arizona)" (MB Docket No. 11-207), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4438. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aircraft Repair Station Security" (RIN1652-AA38), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4439. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Military Training Equipment, Energetic Materials, Personal Protective Equipment, Shelters, Articles Related to Launch Vehicles, Missiles, Rockets, Military Explosives, and Related Items" (RIN0694-AF58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4440. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Peace Corps, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1959. A bill to criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without the prior express written consent of the recipient, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1960. A bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1961. A bill to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1962. A bill to establish the Pullman National Historical Park in the State of Illinois as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1963. A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013; read the first time.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1964. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain flights from increased aviation security service fees; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 337. A resolution expressing support for the designation of January 28, 2014, as "National Data Privacy Day"; considered and agreed to

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

S. Res. 338. A resolution designating Diane K. Skvarla as Curator Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 339. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mayo Clinic; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in

United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1600

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1600, a bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international

capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1897

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1897, a bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches,

fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 1926

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 330

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 330, a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of "Smoking and Health: Report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the United States" and the significant progress in reducing the public health burden of tobacco use, and supporting an end to tobacco-related death and disease.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 333, a resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 334

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 334, a resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3362. An act to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent

resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 75. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 3362. An act to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES-
REPUBLIC OF KOREA CIVIL
NUCLEAR COOPERATION ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1901) to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION
OF CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 75) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
DESIGNATION OF "NATIONAL
DATA PRIVACY DAY"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 337) expressing support for the designation of January 28, 2014, as "National Data Privacy Day", submitted today by Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr.

THUNE, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING DIANE K. SKVARLA
AS CURATOR EMERITUS OF THE
UNITED STATES SENATE

On the request of Mr. DURBIN

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 338) designating Diane K. Skvarla as Curator Emeritus of the United States Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1963) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, introduced today by Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. BEGICH), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment and recess count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the aforementioned motion to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:40 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1963) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1926

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1926) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:45 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1926

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE UNION DELIVERED TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON JANUARY 28, 2014 -- PM 27

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the Congress of the United States:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, my fellow Americans:

Today in America, a teacher spent extra time with a student who needed it, and did her part to lift America's graduation rate to its highest level in more than three decades.

An entrepreneur flipped on the lights in her tech startup, and did her part to add to the more than eight million new jobs our businesses have created over the past 4 years.

An autoworker fine-tuned some of the best, most fuel-efficient cars in the world, and did his part to help America wean itself off foreign oil.

A farmer prepared for the spring after the strongest five-year stretch of farm exports in our history. A rural doctor gave a young child the first prescription to treat asthma that his mother could afford. A man took the bus home from the graveyard shift, bone-tired but dreaming big dreams for his son. And in tight-knit communities across America, fathers and mothers will tuck in their kids, put an arm around their spouse, remember fallen comrades, and give thanks for being home from a war that, after 12 long years, is finally coming to an end.

Tonight, this chamber speaks with one voice to the people we represent: it is you, our citizens, who make the state of our Union strong.

Here are the results of your efforts: The lowest unemployment rate in over 5 years. A rebounding housing market. A manufacturing sector that's adding jobs for the first time since the 1990s. More oil produced at home than we buy from the rest of the world—the first time that's happened in nearly 20 years. Our deficits—cut by more than half. And for the first time in over a decade, business leaders around the world have declared that China is no longer the world's number one place to invest; America is.

That's why I believe this can be a breakthrough year for America. After 5 years of grit and determined effort, the United States is better-positioned for the 21st century than any other nation on Earth.

The question for everyone in this chamber, running through every decision we make this year, is whether we are going to help or hinder this progress. For several years now, this town has been consumed by a rancorous argument over the proper size of the Federal Government. It's an important debate—one that dates back to our very founding. But when that debate prevents us from carrying out even the most basic functions of our democracy—when our differences shut down government or threaten the full faith and credit of the United States—then we are not doing right by the American people.

As President, I'm committed to making Washington work better, and rebuilding the trust of the people who sent us here. I believe most of you are, too. Last month, thanks to the work of Democrats and Republicans, this

Congress finally produced a budget that undoes some of last year's severe cuts to priorities like education. Nobody got everything they wanted, and we can still do more to invest in this country's future while bringing down our deficit in a balanced way. But the budget compromise should leave us freer to focus on creating new jobs, not creating new crises.

In the coming months, let's see where else we can make progress together. Let's make this a year of action. That's what most Americans want—for all of us in this chamber to focus on their lives, their hopes, their aspirations. And what I believe unites the people of this Nation, regardless of race or region or party, young or old, rich or poor, is the simple, profound belief in opportunity for all—the notion that if you work hard and take responsibility, you can get ahead.

Let's face it: that belief has suffered some serious blows. Over more than three decades, even before the Great Recession hit, massive shifts in technology and global competition had eliminated a lot of good, middle-class jobs, and weakened the economic foundations that families depend on.

Today, after 4 years of economic growth, corporate profits and stock prices have rarely been higher, and those at the top have never done better. But average wages have barely budged. Inequality has deepened. Upward mobility has stalled. The cold, hard fact is that even in the midst of recovery, too many Americans are working more than ever just to get by—let alone get ahead. And too many still aren't working at all.

Our job is to reverse these trends. It won't happen right away, and we won't agree on everything. But what I offer tonight is a set of concrete, practical proposals to speed up growth, strengthen the middle class, and build new ladders of opportunity into the middle class. Some require Congressional action, and I'm eager to work with all of you. But America does not stand still—and neither will I. So wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more American families, that's what I'm going to do.

As usual, our First Lady sets a good example. Michelle's Let's Move partnership with schools, businesses, and local leaders has helped bring down childhood obesity rates for the first time in 30 years—an achievement that will improve lives and reduce health care costs for decades to come. The Joining Forces alliance that Michelle and Jill Biden launched has already encouraged employers to hire or train nearly 400,000 veterans and military spouses. Taking a page from that playbook, the White House just organized a College Opportunity Summit where already, 150 universities, businesses, and nonprofits have made concrete commitments to reduce inequality in access to higher education—and help every

hardworking kid go to college and succeed when they get to campus. Across the country, we're partnering with mayors, governors, and state legislatures on issues from homelessness to marriage equality.

The point is, there are millions of Americans outside Washington who are tired of stale political arguments, and are moving this country forward. They believe, and I believe, that here in America, our success should depend not on accident of birth, but the strength of our work ethic and the scope of our dreams. That's what drew our forebears here. It's how the daughter of a factory worker is CEO of America's largest automaker; how the son of a barkeeper is Speaker of the House; how the son of a single mom can be President of the greatest nation on Earth. Opportunity is who we are. And the defining project of our generation is to restore that promise.

We know where to start: the best measure of opportunity is access to a good job. With the economy picking up speed, companies say they intend to hire more people this year. And over half of big manufacturers say they're thinking of insourcing jobs from abroad.

So let's make that decision easier for more companies. Both Democrats and Republicans have argued that our tax code is riddled with wasteful, complicated loopholes that punish businesses investing here, and reward companies that keep profits abroad. Let's flip that equation. Let's work together to close those loopholes, end those incentives to ship jobs overseas, and lower tax rates for businesses that create jobs here at home.

Moreover, we can take the money we save with this transition to tax reform to create jobs rebuilding our roads, upgrading our ports, unclogging our commutes—because in today's global economy, first-class jobs gravitate to first-class infrastructure. We'll need Congress to protect more than three million jobs by finishing transportation and waterways bills this summer. But I will act on my own to slash bureaucracy and streamline the permitting process for key projects, so we can get more construction workers on the job as fast as possible.

We also have the chance, right now, to beat other countries in the race for the next wave of high-tech manufacturing jobs. My Administration has launched two hubs for high-tech manufacturing in Raleigh and Youngstown, where we've connected businesses to research universities that can help America lead the world in advanced technologies. Tonight, I'm announcing we'll launch six more this year. Bipartisan bills in both houses could double the number of these hubs and the jobs they create. So get those bills to my desk and put more Americans back to work.

Let's do more to help the entrepreneurs and small business owners who create most new

jobs in America. Over the past 5 years, my Administration has made more loans to small business owners than any other. And when 98% of our exporters are small businesses, new trade partnerships with Europe and the Asia-Pacific will help them create more jobs. We need to work together on tools like bipartisan trade promotion authority to protect our workers, protect our environment, and open new markets to new goods stamped "Made in the USA." China and Europe aren't standing on the sidelines. Neither should we.

We know that the nation that goes all-in on innovation today will own the global economy tomorrow. This is an edge America cannot surrender. Federally-funded research helped lead to the ideas and inventions behind Google and smartphones. That's why Congress should undo the damage done by last year's cuts to basic research so we can unleash the next great American discovery—whether it's vaccines that stay ahead of drug-resistant bacteria, or paper-thin material that's stronger than steel. And let's pass a patent reform bill that allows our businesses to stay focused on innovation, not costly, needless litigation.

Now, one of the biggest factors in bringing more jobs back is our commitment to American energy. The all-of-the-above energy strategy I announced a few years ago is working, and today, America is closer to energy independence than we've been in decades.

One of the reasons why is natural gas—is extracted safely, it's the bridge fuel that can power our economy with less of the carbon pollution that causes climate change. Businesses plan to invest almost \$100 billion in new factories that use natural gas. I'll cut red tape to help States get those factories built, and this Congress can help by putting people to work building fueling stations that shift more cars and trucks from foreign oil to American natural gas. My Administration will keep working with the industry to sustain production and job growth while strengthening protection of our air, our water, and our communities. And while we're at it, I'll use my authority to protect more of our pristine Federal lands for future generations.

It's not just oil and natural gas production that's booming; we're becoming a global leader in solar, too. Every 4 minutes, another American home or business goes solar; every panel pounded into place by a worker whose job can't be outsourced. Let's continue that progress with a smarter tax policy that stops giving \$4 billion a year to fossil fuel industries that don't need it, so that we can invest more in fuels of the future that do.

And even as we've increased energy production, we've partnered with businesses, builders, and local communities to reduce the energy we consume. When we rescued our automakers, for example, we worked with them to set higher fuel efficiency standards

for our cars. In the coming months, I'll build on that success by setting new standards for our trucks, so we can keep driving down oil imports and what we pay at the pump.

Taken together, our energy policy is creating jobs and leading to a cleaner, safer planet. Over the past 8 years, the United States has reduced our total carbon pollution more than any other nation on Earth. But we have to act with more urgency—because a changing climate is already harming western communities struggling with drought, and coastal cities dealing with floods. That's why I directed my Administration to work with States, utilities, and others to set new standards on the amount of carbon pollution our power plants are allowed to dump into the air. The shift to a cleaner energy economy won't happen overnight, and it will require tough choices along the way. But the debate is settled. Climate change is a fact. And when our children's children look us in the eye and ask if we did all we could to leave them a safer, more stable world, with new sources of energy, I want us to be able to say yes, we did.

Finally, if we are serious about economic growth, it is time to heed the call of business leaders, labor leaders, faith leaders, and law enforcement—and fix our broken immigration system. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate have acted. I know that members of both parties in the House want to do the same. Independent economists say immigration reform will grow our economy and shrink our deficits by almost \$1 trillion in the next two decades. And for good reason: When people come here to fulfill their dreams—to study, invent, and contribute to our culture—they make our country a more attractive place for businesses to locate and create jobs for everyone. So let's get immigration reform done this year.

The ideas I've outlined so far can speed up growth and create more jobs. But in this rapidly-changing economy, we have to make sure that every American has the skills to fill those jobs.

The good news is, we know how to do it. Two years ago, as the auto industry came roaring back, Andra Rush opened up a manufacturing firm in Detroit. She knew that Ford needed parts for the best-selling truck in America, and she knew how to make them. She just needed the workforce. So she dialed up what we call an American Job Center—places where folks can walk in to get the help or training they need to find a new job, or better job. She was flooded with new workers. And today, Detroit Manufacturing Systems has more than 700 employees.

What Andra and her employees experienced is how it should be for every employer—and every job seeker. So tonight, I've asked Vice President BIDEN to lead an across-the-board reform of America's training programs to make sure they have one

mission: Train Americans with the skills employers need, and match them to good jobs that need to be filled right now. That means more on-the-job training, and more apprenticeships that set a young worker on an upward trajectory for life. It means connecting companies to community colleges that can help design training to fill their specific needs. And if Congress wants to help, you can concentrate funding on proven programs that connect more ready-to-work Americans with ready-to-be-filled jobs.

I'm also convinced we can help Americans return to the workforce faster by reforming unemployment insurance so that it's more effective in today's economy. But first, this Congress needs to restore the unemployment insurance you just let expire for 1.6 million people.

Let me tell you why.

Misty DeMars is a mother of two young boys. She'd been steadily employed since she was a teenager. She put herself through college. She'd never collected unemployment benefits. In May, she and her husband used their life savings to buy their first home. A week later, budget cuts claimed the job she loved. Last month, when their unemployment insurance was cut off, she sat down and wrote me a letter—the kind I get every day. “We are the face of the unemployment crisis,” she wrote. “I am not dependent on the government. ... Our country depends on people like us who build careers, contribute to society ... care about our neighbors ... I am confident that in time I will find a job ... I will pay my taxes, and we will raise our children in their own home in the community we love. Please give us this chance.”

Congress, give these hardworking, responsible Americans that chance. They need our help, but more important, this country needs them in the game. That's why I've been asking CEOs to give more long-term unemployed workers a fair shot at that new job and new chance to support their families; this week, many will come to the White House to make that commitment real. Tonight, I ask every business leader in America to join us and to do the same—because we are stronger when America fields a full team.

Of course, it's not enough to train today's workforce. We also have to prepare tomorrow's workforce, by guaranteeing every child access to a world-class education.

Estiven Rodriguez couldn't speak a word of English when he moved to New York City at age nine. But last month, thanks to the support of great teachers and an innovative tutoring program, he led a march of his classmates—through a crowd of cheering parents and neighbors—from their high school to the post office, where they mailed off their college applications. And this son of a factory worker just found out he's going to college this fall.

Five years ago, we set out to change the odds for all our kids. We worked with lenders to reform student loans, and today, more young people are earning college degrees than ever before. Race to the Top, with the help of governors from both parties, has helped States raise expectations and performance. Teachers and principals in schools from Tennessee to Washington, D.C. are making big strides in preparing students with skills for the new economy—problem solving, critical thinking, science, technology, engineering, and math. Some of this change is hard. It requires everything from more challenging curriculums and more demanding parents to better support for teachers and new ways to measure how well our kids think, not how well they can fill in a bubble on a test. But it's worth it—and it's working.

The problem is we're still not reaching enough kids, and we're not reaching them in time. That has to change.

Research shows that one of the best investments we can make in a child's life is high-quality early education. Last year, I asked this Congress to help States make high-quality pre-K available to every four-year-old. As a parent as well as a President, I repeat that request tonight. But in the meantime, 30 states have raised pre-K funding on their own. They know we can't wait. So just as we worked with States to reform our schools, this year, we'll invest in new partnerships with States and communities across the country in a race to the top for our youngest children. And as Congress decides what it's going to do, I'm going to pull together a coalition of elected officials, business leaders, and philanthropists willing to help more kids access the high-quality pre-K they need.

Last year, I also pledged to connect 99 percent of our students to high-speed broadband over the next 4 years. Tonight, I can announce that with the support of the FCC and companies like Apple, Microsoft, Sprint, and Verizon, we've got a down payment to start connecting more than 15,000 schools and 20 million students over the next 2 years, without adding a dime to the deficit.

We're working to redesign high schools and partner them with colleges and employers that offer the real-world education and hands-on training that can lead directly to a job and career. We're shaking up our system of higher education to give parents more information, and colleges more incentives to offer better value, so that no middle-class kid is priced out of a college education. We're offering millions the opportunity to cap their monthly student loan payments to 10 percent of their income, and I want to work with Congress to see how we can help even more Americans who feel trapped by student loan debt. And I'm reaching out to some of America's leading

foundations and corporations on a new initiative to help more young men of color facing tough odds stay on track and reach their full potential.

The bottom line is, Michelle and I want every child to have the same chance this country gave us. But we know our opportunity agenda won't be complete—and too many young people entering the workforce today will see the American Dream as an empty promise—unless we do more to make sure our economy honors the dignity of work, and hard work pays off for every single American.

Today, women make up about half our workforce. But they still make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. That is wrong, and in 2014, it's an embarrassment. A woman deserves equal pay for equal work. She deserves to have a baby without sacrificing her job. A mother deserves a day off to care for a sick child or sick parent without running into hardship—and you know what, a father does, too. It's time to do away with workplace policies that belong in a "Mad Men" episode. This year, let's all come together—Congress, the White House, and businesses from Wall Street to Main Street—to give every woman the opportunity she deserves. Because I firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

Now, women hold a majority of lower-wage jobs—but they're not the only ones stifled by stagnant wages. Americans understand that some people will earn more than others, and we don't resent those who, by virtue of their efforts, achieve incredible success. But Americans overwhelmingly agree that no one who works full time should ever have to raise a family in poverty.

In the year since I asked this Congress to raise the minimum wage, five States have passed laws to raise theirs. Many businesses have done it on their own. Nick Chute is here tonight with his boss, John Soranno. John's an owner of Punch Pizza in Minneapolis, and Nick helps make the dough. Only now he makes more of it: John just gave his employees a raise, to ten bucks an hour—a decision that eased their financial stress and boosted their morale.

Tonight, I ask more of America's business leaders to follow John's lead and do what you can to raise your employees' wages. To every mayor, governor, and state legislator in America, I say, you don't have to wait for Congress to act; Americans will support you if you take this on. And as a chief executive, I intend to lead by example. Profitable corporations like Costco see higher wages as the smart way to boost productivity and reduce turnover. We should too. In the coming weeks, I will issue an Executive Order requiring Federal contractors to pay their federally-funded employees a fair wage of at least \$10.10 an hour—because if you

cook our troops' meals or wash their dishes, you shouldn't have to live in poverty.

Of course, to reach millions more, Congress needs to get on board. Today, the Federal minimum wage is worth about 20 percent less than it was when Ronald Reagan first stood here. TOM HARKIN and GEORGE MILLER have a bill to fix that by lifting the minimum wage to \$10.10. This will help families. It will give businesses customers with more money to spend. It doesn't involve any new bureaucratic program. So join the rest of the country. Say yes. Give America a raise.

There are other steps we can take to help families make ends meet, and few are more effective at reducing inequality and helping families pull themselves up through hard work than the Earned Income Tax Credit. Right now, it helps about half of all parents at some point. But I agree with Republicans like Senator RUBIO that it doesn't do enough for single workers who don't have kids. So let's work together to strengthen the credit, reward work, and help more Americans get ahead.

Let's do more to help Americans save for retirement. Today, most workers don't have a pension. A Social Security check often isn't enough on its own. And while the stock market has doubled over the last 5 years, that doesn't help folks who don't have 401Ks. That's why, tomorrow, I will direct the Treasury to create a new way for working Americans to start their own retirement savings: MyRA. It's a new savings bond that encourages folks to build a nest egg. MyRA guarantees a decent return with no risk of losing what you put in. And if this Congress wants to help, work with me to fix an upside-down tax code that gives big tax breaks to help the wealthy save, but does little to nothing for middle-class Americans. Offer every American access to an automatic IRA on the job, so they can save at work just like everyone in this Chamber can. And since the most important investment many families make is their home, send me legislation that protects taxpayers from footing the bill for a housing crisis ever again, and keeps the dream of homeownership alive for future generations of Americans.

One last point on financial security. For decades, few things exposed hard-working families to economic hardship more than a broken health care system. And in case you haven't heard, we're in the process of fixing that.

A pre-existing condition used to mean that someone like Amanda Shelley, a physician assistant and single mom from Arizona, couldn't get health insurance. But on January 1st, she got covered. On January 3rd, she felt a sharp pain. On January 6th, she had emergency surgery. Just one week earlier, Amanda said, that surgery would've meant bankruptcy.

That's what health insurance reform is all about—the peace of mind that if misfortune strikes, you don't have to lose everything.

Already, because of the Affordable Care Act, more than 3 million Americans under age 26 have gained coverage under their parents' plans.

More than nine million Americans have signed up for private health insurance or Medicaid coverage.

And here's another number: zero. Because of this law, no American can ever again be dropped or denied coverage for a preexisting condition like asthma, back pain, or cancer. No woman can ever be charged more just because she's a woman. And we did all this while adding years to Medicare's finances, keeping Medicare premiums flat, and lowering prescription costs for millions of seniors.

Now, I don't expect to convince my Republican friends on the merits of this law. But I know that the American people aren't interested in refighting old battles. So again, if you have specific plans to cut costs, cover more people, and increase choice—tell America what you'd do differently. Let's see if the numbers add up. But let's not have another forty-something votes to repeal a law that's already helping millions of Americans like Amanda. The first forty were plenty. We got it. We all owe it to the American people to say what we're for, not just what we're against.

And if you want to know the real impact this law is having, just talk to Governor Steve Beshear of Kentucky, who's here tonight. Kentucky's not the most liberal part of the country, but he's like a man possessed when it comes to covering his commonwealth's families. "They are our friends and neighbors," he said. "They are people we shop and go to church with—farmers out on the tractors—grocery clerks—they are people who go to work every morning praying they don't get sick. No one deserves to live that way."

Steve's right. That's why, tonight, I ask every American who knows someone without health insurance to help them get covered by March 31st. Moms, get on your kids to sign up. Kids, call your mom and walk her through the application. It will give her some peace of mind—plus, she'll appreciate hearing from you.

After all, that's the spirit that has always moved this Nation forward. It's the spirit of citizenship—the recognition that through hard work and responsibility, we can pursue our individual dreams, but still come together as one American family to make sure the next generation can pursue its dreams as well.

Citizenship means standing up for everyone's right to vote. Last year, part of the Voting Rights Act was weakened. But conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats are working together to strengthen

it; and the bipartisan commission I appointed last year has offered reforms so that no one has to wait more than a half hour to vote. Let's support these efforts. It should be the power of our vote, not the size of our bank account, that drives our democracy.

Citizenship means standing up for the lives that gun violence steals from us each day. I have seen the courage of parents, students, pastors, and police officers all over this country who say "we are not afraid," and I intend to keep trying, with or without Congress, to help stop more tragedies from visiting innocent Americans in our movie theaters, shopping malls, or schools like Sandy Hook.

Citizenship demands a sense of common cause; participation in the hard work of self-government; an obligation to serve to our communities. And I know this chamber agrees that few Americans give more to their country than our diplomats and the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

Tonight, because of the extraordinary troops and civilians who risk and lay down their lives to keep us free, the United States is more secure. When I took office, nearly 180,000 Americans were serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, all our troops are out of Iraq. More than 60,000 of our troops have already come home from Afghanistan. With Afghan forces now in the lead for their own security, our troops have moved to a support role. Together with our allies, we will complete our mission there by the end of this year, and America's longest war will finally be over.

After 2014, we will support a unified Afghanistan as it takes responsibility for its own future. If the Afghan government signs a security agreement that we have negotiated, a small force of Americans could remain in Afghanistan with NATO allies to carry out two narrow missions: training and assisting Afghan forces, and counterterrorism operations to pursue any remnants of al Qaeda. For while our relationship with Afghanistan will change, one thing will not: our resolve that terrorists do not launch attacks against our country.

The fact is, that danger remains. While we have put al Qaeda's core leadership on a path to defeat, the threat has evolved, as al Qaeda affiliates and other extremists take root in different parts of the world. In Yemen, Somalia, Iraq, and Mali, we have to keep working with partners to disrupt and disable these networks. In Syria, we'll support the opposition that rejects the agenda of terrorist networks. Here at home, we'll keep strengthening our defenses, and combat new threats like cyberattacks. And as we reform our defense budget, we have to keep faith with our men and women in uniform, and invest in the capabilities they need to succeed in future missions.

We have to remain vigilant. But I strongly believe our leadership and our security cannot depend on our military alone. As Commander in Chief, I have used force when needed to protect the American people, and I will never hesitate to do so as long as I hold this office. But I will not send our troops into harm's way unless it's truly necessary; nor will I allow our sons and daughters to be mired in open-ended conflicts. We must fight the battles that need to be fought, not those that terrorists prefer from us—large-scale deployments that drain our strength and may ultimately feed extremism.

So, even as we aggressively pursue terrorist networks—through more targeted efforts and by building the capacity of our foreign partners—America must move off a permanent war footing. That's why I've imposed prudent limits on the use of drones—for we will not be safer if people abroad believe we strike within their countries without regard for the consequence. That's why, working with this Congress, I will reform our surveillance programs—because the vital work of our intelligence community depends on public confidence, here and abroad, that the privacy of ordinary people is not being violated. And with the Afghan war ending, this needs to be the year Congress lifts the remaining restrictions on detainee transfers and we close the prison at Guantanamo Bay—because we counter terrorism not just through intelligence and military action, but by remaining true to our Constitutional ideals, and setting an example for the rest of the world.

You see, in a world of complex threats, our security and leadership depends on all elements of our power—including strong and principled diplomacy. American diplomacy has rallied more than 50 countries to prevent nuclear materials from falling into the wrong hands, and allowed us to reduce our own reliance on Cold War stockpiles. American diplomacy, backed by the threat of force, is why Syria's chemical weapons are being eliminated, and we will continue to work with the international community to usher in the future the Syrian people deserve—a future free of dictatorship, terror and fear. As we speak, American diplomacy is supporting Israelis and Palestinians as they engage in difficult but necessary talks to end the conflict there; to achieve dignity and an independent state for Palestinians, and lasting peace and security for the State of Israel—a Jewish state that knows America will always be at their side.

And it is American diplomacy, backed by pressure, that has halted the progress of Iran's nuclear program—and rolled parts of that program back—for the very first time in a decade. As we gather here tonight, Iran has begun to eliminate its stockpile of higher levels of enriched uranium. It is not installing advanced centrifuges. Unprecedented

inspections help the world verify, every day, that Iran is not building a bomb. And with our allies and partners, we're engaged in negotiations to see if we can peacefully achieve a goal we all share: preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

These negotiations will be difficult. They may not succeed. We are clear-eyed about Iran's support for terrorist organizations like Hezbollah, which threaten our allies; and the mistrust between our nations cannot be wished away. But these negotiations do not rely on trust; any long-term deal we agree to must be based on verifiable action that convinces us and the international community that Iran is not building a nuclear bomb. It John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan could negotiate with the Soviet Union, then surely a strong and confident America can negotiate with less powerful adversaries today.

The sanctions that we put in place helped make this opportunity possible. But let me be clear: if this Congress sends me a new sanctions bill now that threatens to derail these talks, I will veto it. For the sake of our national security, we must give diplomacy a chance to succeed. If Iran's leaders do not seize this opportunity, then I will be the first to call for more sanctions, and stand ready to exercise all options to make sure Iran does not build a nuclear weapon. But if Iran's leaders do seize the chance, then Iran could take an important step to rejoin the community of nations, and we will have resolved one of the leading security challenges of our time without the risks of war.

Finally, let's remember that our leadership is defined not just by our defense against threats, but by the enormous opportunities to do good and promote understanding around the globe—to forge greater cooperation, to expand new markets, to free people from fear and want. And no one is better positioned to take advantage of those opportunities than America.

Our alliance with Europe remains the strongest the world has ever known. From Tunisia to Burma, we're supporting those who are willing to do the hard work of building democracy. In Ukraine, we stand for the principle that all people have the right to express themselves freely and peacefully, and have a say in their country's future. Across Africa, we're bringing together businesses and governments to double access to electricity and help end extreme poverty. In the Americas, we are building new ties of commerce, but we're also expanding cultural and educational exchanges among young people. And we will continue to focus on the Asia-Pacific, where we support our allies, shape a future of greater security and prosperity, and extend a hand to those devastated by disaster—as we did in the Philippines, when our Marines and civilians

rushed to aid those battered by a typhoon, and were greeted with words like, “We will never forget your kindness” and “God bless America!”

We do these things because they help promote our long-term security. And we do them because we believe in the inherent dignity and equality of every human being, regardless of race or religion, creed or sexual orientation. And next week, the world will see one expression of that commitment—when Team USA marches the red, white, and blue into the Olympic Stadium—and brings home the gold.

My fellow Americans, no other country in the world does what we do. On every issue, the world turns to us, not simply because of the size of our economy or our military might—but because of the ideals we stand for, and the burdens we bear to advance them.

No one knows this better than those who serve in uniform. As this time of war draws to a close, a new generation of heroes returns to civilian life. We’ll keep slashing that backlog so our veterans receive the benefits they’ve earned, and our wounded warriors receive the health care—including the mental health care—that they need. We’ll keep working to help all our veterans translate their skills and leadership into jobs here at home. And we all continue to join forces to honor and support our remarkable military families.

Let me tell you about one of those families I’ve come to know.

I first met Cory Remsburg, a proud Army Ranger, at Omaha Beach on the 65th anniversary of D-Day. Along with some of his fellow Rangers, he walked me through the program—a strong, impressive young man, with an easy manner, sharp as a tack. We joked around, and took pictures, and T. told him to stay in touch.

A few months later, on his tenth deployment, Cory was nearly killed by a massive roadside bomb in Afghanistan. His comrades found him in a canal, face down, underwater, shrapnel in his brain.

For months, he lay in a coma. The next time I met him, in the hospital, he couldn’t speak; he could barely move. Over the years, he’s endured dozens of surgeries and procedures, and hours of grueling rehab every day.

Even now, Cory is still blind in one eye. He still struggles on his left side. But slowly, steadily, with the support of caregivers like his dad Craig, and the community around him, Cory has grown stronger. Day by day, he’s learned to speak again and stand again and walk again—and he’s working toward the day when he can serve his country again.

“My recovery has not been easy,” he says. “Nothing in life that’s worth anything is easy.”

Cory is here tonight. And like the Army he loves, like the America he serves, Sergeant First Class Cory Remsburg never gives up, and he does not quit.

My fellow Americans, men and women like Cory remind us that America has never come easy. Our freedom, our democracy, has never been easy. Sometimes we stumble; we make mistakes; we get frustrated or discouraged. But for more than 200 years, we have put those things aside and placed our collective shoulder to the wheel of progress—to create and build and expand the possibilities of individual achievement; to free other nations from tyranny and fear; to promote justice, and fairness, and equality under the law, so that the words set to paper by our founders are made real for every citizen. The America we want for our kids—a rising America where honest work is plentiful and communities are strong; where prosperity is widely shared and opportunity for all lets us go as far as our dreams and toil will take us—none of it is easy. But if we work together; if we summon what is best in us, with our feet planted firmly in today but our eyes cast towards tomorrow—I know it’s within our reach.

Believe it.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 28, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4441. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim response to the Conference Report 112-705 of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2013, Section 737; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4442. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4443. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Registration of Municipal Advisors” (RIN3235-AK86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4444. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4445. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Executive Compensation” (RIN2590-AA12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4446. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Golden Parachute Payments” (RIN2590-AA08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4447. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) three reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4448. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Central Valley Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Below Friant Dam in the San Joaquin River, CA” (RIN0648-BC68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4449. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Bond Premium Carryforward” ((RIN1545-BL28)(TD 9653)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4450. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sales-Based Royalties and Vendor Allowances” ((RIN1545-BI57)(TD 9652)), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4451. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computation of, and Rules Relating to, Medical Loss Ratio" ((RIN1545-BL05)(TD 9651)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4452. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Prevailing State Assumed Interest Rates" (Rev. Rul. 2014-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4453. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusion from Income of Payments to Care Providers from Medicaid Waiver Programs" (Notice 2014-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4454. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Refundings of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds" (Notice 2014-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4455. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4456. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to groups designated by the Secretary of State as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (OSS 2014-0043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4457. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's response to the GAO report entitled "Central America: U.S. Agencies Considered Various

Factors in Funding Security Activities, but Need to Assess Progress in Achieving Interagency Objectives"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4458. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-155); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4459. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, (29) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of State, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4460. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Current Disposition of Highly Enriched Uranium Exports Used as Fuel or Targets in Nuclear Research or Test Reactors"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4461. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0001 - 2014-0010); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4462. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, (4) four reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4463. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Pediatric Uses of Devices; Requirement for Submission of Information on Pediatric Subpopulations That Suffer From a Disease or Condition That a Device is Intended to Treat, Diagnose, or Cure" ((RIN0910-AG29)(Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0458)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4464. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment of Premiums; Large-Plan Flat-Rate Premium" (RIN1212-AB26), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 611. A bill to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-136).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1965. A bill to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1966. A bill to provide for the restoration of the economic and ecological health of National Forest System land and rural communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1967. A bill to provide for the management of certain inventoried roadless areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1968. A bill to allow States to let Federal funds for the education of disadvantaged children follow low-income children to the accredited or otherwise State-approved public school, private school, or supplemental educational services program they attend; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 340. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary measures should be taken to protect children in the United States from human trafficking, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl,

an event around which many children are trafficked for sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 655

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes.

S. 738

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

S. 913

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1022, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.

S. 1137

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1137, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as

cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1186

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1186, a bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1658

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1658, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain small business tax provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1896

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1896, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax

credit and provide designated allocations for areas impacted by a decline in manufacturing.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 1926

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1950, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was

added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 333, a resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 333, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 339

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 339, a resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mayo Clinic.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Judicial nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

The Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Use and Abuse of Administratively Uncontrollable Overtime at the Department of Homeland Security."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1684. An act to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2166. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3008. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1684. An act to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2166. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3008. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND RULE XXII

Mr. COBURN, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, submitted notice in writing of his intent to suspend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for

purpose of proposing and considering amendment No. 2606 on bill S. 1845.

COOPERATIVE AND SMALL EMPLOYER CHARITY PENSION FLEXIBILITY ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1302) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. HATCH) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 2701, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

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

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence a bill identical to the text of bill S. 1302, as passed by the Senate, said House bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

RECOGNIZING THE GOALS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 334) recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT
OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

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

Ordered, That the PRESIDING OFFICER be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 9 p.m. on today for a joint session.

ORDERS FOR RECESS ON TODAY,
ADJOURNMENT UPON
DISSOLUTION OF THE JOINT
SESSION ON TODAY UNTIL 10 A.M.
ON TOMORROW, AND FOR
PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That the Senate recess until 8:25 p.m. on today; that, at 8:25 p.m., the Senate proceed as a body to the House of Representatives to receive a message from the President of the United States, as pursuant to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 75) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President; that, upon dissolution of the joint session, the Senate adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 12 noon, time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded.

RECESS

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

At 4:15 p.m.,

The Senate recessed until 8:25 p.m. today.

AT 8:25 P.M.

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

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL S. 1926 ON TOMORROW

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

Ordered, That, following morning business on tomorrow, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1926, be concluded; that said motion be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; and that the following amendments be proposed on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 2702, Mrs. HAGAN; amendment No. 2704, Mr. RUBIO; amendment No. 2705, Mr. KING; and amendment No. 2698, Mr. BLUNT.

Ordered further, That the bill, as thus amended, be considered original text for purpose of further amendment; and that the following be the only amendments in order to be proposed:

An amendment (Numbered 2703), intended to be proposed by Mr. REED, relative to community based policy study;

An amendment (Numbered 2697), intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN, relative to NARAB alternative;

An amendment (Numbered 2709), intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY, relative to forced placed insurance;

An amendment (Numbered 2700), intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER, relative to state authority, private flood insurance;

An amendment (Numbered 2706), intended to be proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE, relative to fee waiver;

An amendment (Numbered 2707, in the nature of a substitute), intended to be proposed by Mr. TOOMEY;

An amendment (Numbered 2708), intended to be proposed by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, relative to mitigation deadlines.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order to the aforementioned amendments prior to votes in relation thereto; that it be in order for Mr. TOOMEY to modify his amendment with the text of amendments Numbered 2704 and 2702; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate on each amendment or on a motion to waive in relation to a Budget Act point of order to be made; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the proponents and opponents of the bill; that the aforementioned amendments be proposed by 3 p.m. on tomorrow; that it be in order for Mr. CRAPO, or his designee, to raise a Budget Act point of order against the bill; that, if said point of order is raised, Mr. MENENDEZ, or his designee, be recognized to move to waive in relation thereto; that, upon

conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive; that, if said motion to waive is agreed to, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the amendments in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES ON THE
STATE OF THE UNION

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 75, and the order of today,

At 8:35 p.m.,

The Senate proceeded in a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear an address by the President of the United States, the Honorable Barack H. Obama.

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed the following committee of Senators to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber of the House of Representatives: Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BENNET, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BARRASSO.

The two Houses being assembled,

The President of the United States addressed them, as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, my fellow Americans:

Today in America, a teacher spent extra time with a student who needed it, and did her part to lift America's graduation rate to its highest level in more than three decades.

An entrepreneur flipped on the lights in her tech startup, and did her part to add to the more than eight million new jobs our businesses have created over the past 4 years.

An autoworker fine-tuned some of the best, most fuel-efficient cars in the world, and did his part to help America wean itself off foreign oil.

A farmer prepared for the spring after the strongest five-year stretch of farm exports in our history. A rural doctor gave a young child the first prescription to treat asthma that his mother could afford. A man took the bus home from the graveyard shift, bone-tired but dreaming big dreams for his son. And in tight-knit communities across America, fathers and mothers will tuck in their kids, put an arm around their spouse, remember fallen comrades, and give thanks for being home from a war that, after 12 long years, is finally coming to an end.

Tonight, this chamber speaks with one voice to the people we represent: it is you, our citizens, who make the state of our Union strong.

Here are the results of your efforts: The lowest unemployment rate in over 5 years. A

rebounding housing market. A manufacturing sector that's adding jobs for the first time since the 1990s. More oil produced at home than we buy from the rest of the world—the first time that's happened in nearly 20 years. Our deficits—cut by more than half. And for the first time in over a decade, business leaders around the world have declared that China is no longer the world's number one place to invest; America is.

That's why I believe this can be a breakthrough year for America. After 5 years of grit and determined effort, the United States is better-positioned for the 21st century than any other nation on Earth.

The question for everyone in this chamber, running through every decision we make this year, is whether we are going to help or hinder this progress. For several years now, this town has been consumed by a rancorous argument over the proper size of the Federal Government. It's an important debate—one that dates back to our very founding. But when that debate prevents us from carrying out even the most basic functions of our democracy—when our differences shut down government or threaten the full faith and credit of the United States—then we are not doing right by the American people.

As President, I'm committed to making Washington work better, and rebuilding the trust of the people who sent us here. I believe most of you are, too. Last month, thanks to the work of Democrats and Republicans, this Congress finally produced a budget that undoes some of last year's severe cuts to priorities like education. Nobody got everything they wanted, and we can still do more to invest in this country's future while bringing down our deficit in a balanced way. But the budget compromise should leave us freer to focus on creating new jobs, not creating new crises.

In the coming months, let's see where else we can make progress together. Let's make this a year of action. That's what most Americans want—for all of us in this chamber to focus on their lives, their hopes, their aspirations. And what I believe unites the people of this Nation, regardless of race or region or party, young or old, rich or poor, is the simple, profound belief in opportunity for all—the notion that if you work hard and take responsibility, you can get ahead.

Let's face it: that belief has suffered some serious blows. Over more than three decades, even before the Great Recession hit, massive shifts in technology and global competition had eliminated a lot of good, middle-class jobs, and weakened the economic foundations that families depend on.

Today, after 4 years of economic growth, corporate profits and stock prices have rarely been higher, and those at the top have never done better. But average wages have barely budged. Inequality has deepened. Upward mobility has stalled. The cold, hard fact is

that even in the midst of recovery, too many Americans are working more than ever just to get by—let alone get ahead. And too many still aren't working at all.

Our job is to reverse these trends. It won't happen right away, and we won't agree on everything. But what I offer tonight is a set of concrete, practical proposals to speed up growth, strengthen the middle class, and build new ladders of opportunity into the middle class. Some require Congressional action, and I'm eager to work with all of you. But America does not stand still—and neither will I. So wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more American families, that's what I'm going to do.

As usual, our First Lady sets a good example. Michelle's Let's Move partnership with schools, businesses, and local leaders has helped bring down childhood obesity rates for the first time in 30 years—an achievement that will improve lives and reduce health care costs for decades to come. The Joining Forces alliance that Michelle and Jill Biden launched has already encouraged employers to hire or train nearly 400,000 veterans and military spouses. Taking a page from that playbook, the White House just organized a College Opportunity Summit where already, 150 universities, businesses, and nonprofits have made concrete commitments to reduce inequality in access to higher education—and help every hardworking kid go to college and succeed when they get to campus. Across the country, we're partnering with mayors, governors, and state legislatures on issues from homelessness to marriage equality.

The point is, there are millions of Americans outside Washington who are tired of stale political arguments, and are moving this country forward. They believe, and I believe, that here in America, our success should depend not on accident of birth, but the strength of our work ethic and the scope of our dreams. That's what drew our forebears here. It's how the daughter of a factory worker is CEO of America's largest automaker; how the son of a barkeeper is Speaker of the House; how the son of a single mom can be President of the greatest nation on Earth. Opportunity is who we are. And the defining project of our generation is to restore that promise.

We know where to start: the best measure of opportunity is access to a good job. With the economy picking up speed, companies say they intend to hire more people this year. And over half of big manufacturers say they're thinking of insourcing jobs from abroad.

So let's make that decision easier for more companies. Both Democrats and Republicans have argued that our tax code is riddled with wasteful, complicated loopholes that punish businesses investing here, and reward

companies that keep profits abroad. Let's flip that equation. Let's work together to close those loopholes, end those incentives to ship jobs overseas, and lower tax rates for businesses that create jobs here at home.

Moreover, we can take the money we save with this transition to tax reform to create jobs rebuilding our roads, upgrading our ports, unclogging our commutes—because in today's global economy, first-class jobs gravitate to first-class infrastructure. We'll need Congress to protect more than three million jobs by finishing transportation and waterways bills this summer. But I will act on my own to slash bureaucracy and streamline the permitting process for key projects, so we can get more construction workers on the job as fast as possible.

We also have the chance, right now, to beat other countries in the race for the next wave of high-tech manufacturing jobs. My Administration has launched two hubs for high-tech manufacturing in Raleigh and Youngstown, where we've connected businesses to research universities that can help America lead the world in advanced technologies. Tonight, I'm announcing we'll launch six more this year. Bipartisan bills in both houses could double the number of these hubs and the jobs they create. So get those bills to my desk and put more Americans back to work.

Let's do more to help the entrepreneurs and small business owners who create most new jobs in America. Over the past 5 years, my Administration has made more loans to small business owners than any other. And when 98% of our exporters are small businesses, new trade partnerships with Europe and the Asia-Pacific will help them create more jobs. We need to work together on tools like bipartisan trade promotion authority to protect our workers, protect our environment, and open new markets to new goods stamped "Made in the USA." China and Europe aren't standing on the sidelines. Neither should we.

We know that the nation that goes all-in on innovation today will own the global economy tomorrow. This is an edge America cannot surrender. Federally-funded research helped lead to the ideas and inventions behind Google and smartphones. That's why Congress should undo the damage done by last year's cuts to basic research so we can unleash the next great American discovery—whether it's vaccines that stay ahead of drug-resistant bacteria, or paper-thin material that's stronger than steel. And let's pass a patent reform bill that allows our businesses to stay focused on innovation, not costly, needless litigation.

Now, one of the biggest factors in bringing more jobs back is our commitment to American energy. The all-of-the-above energy strategy I announced a few years ago is working, and today, America is closer to

energy independence than we've been in decades.

One of the reasons why is natural gas—if extracted safely, it's the bridge fuel that can power our economy with less of the carbon pollution that causes climate change. Businesses plan to invest almost \$100 billion in new factories that use natural gas. I'll cut red tape to help States get those factories built, and this Congress can help by putting people to work building fueling stations that shift more cars and trucks from foreign oil to American natural gas. My Administration will keep working with the industry to sustain production and job growth while strengthening protection of our air, our water, and our communities. And while we're at it, I'll use my authority to protect more of our pristine Federal lands for future generations.

It's not just oil and natural gas production that's booming; we're becoming a global leader in solar, too. Every 4 minutes, another American home or business goes solar; every panel pounded into place by a worker whose job can't be outsourced. Let's continue that progress with a smarter tax policy that stops giving \$4 billion a year to fossil fuel industries that don't need it, so that we can invest more in fuels of the future that do.

And even as we've increased energy production, we've partnered with businesses, builders, and local communities to reduce the energy we consume. When we rescued our automakers, for example, we worked with them to set higher fuel efficiency standards for our cars. In the coming months, I'll build on that success by setting new standards for our trucks, so we can keep driving down oil imports and what we pay at the pump.

Taken together, our energy policy is creating jobs and leading to a cleaner, safer planet. Over the past 8 years, the United States has reduced our total carbon pollution more than any other nation on Earth. But we have to act with more urgency—because a changing climate is already harming western communities struggling with drought, and coastal cities dealing with floods. That's why I directed my Administration to work with States, utilities, and others to set new standards on the amount of carbon pollution our power plants are allowed to dump into the air. The shift to a cleaner energy economy won't happen overnight, and it will require tough choices along the way. But the debate is settled. Climate change is a fact. And when our children's children look us in the eye and ask if we did all we could to leave them a safer, more stable world, with new sources of energy, I want us to be able to say yes, we did.

Finally, if we are serious about economic growth, it is time to heed the call of business leaders, labor leaders, faith leaders, and law enforcement—and fix our broken immigration system. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate have acted. I know

that members of both parties in the House want to do the same. Independent economists say immigration reform will grow our economy and shrink our deficits by almost \$1 trillion in the next two decades. And for good reason: When people come here to fulfill their dreams—to study, invent, and contribute to our culture—they make our country a more attractive place for businesses to locate and create jobs for everyone. So let's get immigration reform done this year.

The ideas I've outlined so far can speed up growth and create more jobs. But in this rapidly-changing economy, we have to make sure that every American has the skills to fill those jobs.

The good news is, we know how to do it. Two years ago, as the auto industry came roaring back, Andra Rush opened up a manufacturing firm in Detroit. She knew that Ford needed parts for the best-selling truck in America, and she knew how to make them. She just needed the workforce. So she dialed up what we call an American Job Center—places where folks can walk in to get the help or training they need to find a new job, or better job. She was flooded with new workers. And today, Detroit Manufacturing Systems has more than 700 employees.

What Andra and her employees experienced is how it should be for every employer—and every job seeker. So tonight, I've asked Vice President BIDEN to lead an across-the-board reform of America's training programs to make sure they have one mission: Train Americans with the skills employers need, and match them to good jobs that need to be filled right now. That means more on-the-job training, and more apprenticeships that set a young worker on an upward trajectory for life. It means connecting companies to community colleges that can help design training to fill their specific needs. And if Congress wants to help, you can concentrate funding on proven programs that connect more ready-to-work Americans with ready-to-be-filled jobs.

I'm also convinced we can help Americans return to the workforce faster by reforming unemployment insurance so that it's more effective in today's economy. But first, this Congress needs to restore the unemployment insurance you just let expire for 1.6 million people.

Let me tell you why.

Misty DeMars is a mother of two young boys. She'd been steadily employed since she was a teenager. She put herself through college. She'd never collected unemployment benefits. In May, she and her husband used their life savings to buy their first home. A week later, budget cuts claimed the job she loved. Last month, when their unemployment insurance was cut off, she sat down and wrote me a letter—the kind I get every day. “We are the face of the unemployment crisis,” she wrote. “I am not dependent on the

government. ... Our country depends on people like us who build careers, contribute to society ... care about our neighbors ... I am confident that in time I will find a job ... I will pay my taxes, and we will raise our children in their own home in the community we love. Please give us this chance.”

Congress, give these hardworking, responsible Americans that chance. They need our help, but more important, this country needs them in the game. That's why I've been asking CEOs to give more long-term unemployed workers a fair shot at that new job and new chance to support their families; this week, many will come to the White House to make that commitment real. Tonight, I ask every business leader in America to join us and to do the same—because we are stronger when America fields a full team.

Of course, it's not enough to train today's workforce. We also have to prepare tomorrow's workforce, by guaranteeing every child access to a world-class education.

Estiven Rodriguez couldn't speak a word of English when he moved to New York City at age nine. But last month, thanks to the support of great teachers and an innovative tutoring program, he led a march of his classmates—through a crowd of cheering parents and neighbors—from their high school to the post office, where they mailed off their college applications. And this son of a factory worker just found out he's going to college this fall.

Five years ago, we set out to change the odds for all our kids. We worked with lenders to reform student loans, and today, more young people are earning college degrees than ever before. Race to the Top, with the help of governors from both parties, has helped States raise expectations and performance. Teachers and principals in schools from Tennessee to Washington, D.C. are making big strides in preparing students with skills for the new economy—problem solving, critical thinking, science, technology, engineering, and math. Some of this change is hard. It requires everything from more challenging curriculums and more demanding parents to better support for teachers and new ways to measure how well our kids think, not how well they can fill in a bubble on a test. But it's worth it—and it's working.

The problem is we're still not reaching enough kids, and we're not reaching them in time. That has to change.

Research shows that one of the best investments we can make in a child's life is high-quality early education. Last year, I asked this Congress to help States make high-quality pre-K available to every four-year-old. As a parent as well as a President, I repeat that request tonight. But in the meantime, 30 states have raised pre-K funding on their own. They know we can't

wait. So just as we worked with States to reform our schools, this year, we'll invest in new partnerships with States and communities across the country in a race to the top for our youngest children. And as Congress decides what it's going to do, I'm going to pull together a coalition of elected officials, business leaders, and philanthropists willing to help more kids access the high-quality pre-K they need.

Last year, I also pledged to connect 99 percent of our students to high-speed broadband over the next 4 years. Tonight, I can announce that with the support of the FCC and companies like Apple, Microsoft, Sprint, and Verizon, we've got a down payment to start connecting more than 15,000 schools and 20 million students over the next 2 years, without adding a dime to the deficit.

We're working to redesign high schools and partner them with colleges and employers that offer the real-world education and hands-on training that can lead directly to a job and career. We're shaking up our system of higher education to give parents more information, and colleges more incentives to offer better value, so that no middle-class kid is priced out of a college education. We're offering millions the opportunity to cap their monthly student loan payments to 10 percent of their income, and I want to work with Congress to see how we can help even more Americans who feel trapped by student loan debt. And I'm reaching out to some of America's leading foundations and corporations on a new initiative to help more young men of color facing tough odds stay on track and reach their full potential.

The bottom line is, Michelle and I want every child to have the same chance this country gave us. But we know our opportunity agenda won't be complete—and too many young people entering the workforce today will see the American Dream as an empty promise—unless we do more to make sure our economy honors the dignity of work, and hard work pays off for every single American.

Today, women make up about half our workforce. But they still make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. That is wrong, and in 2014, it's an embarrassment. A woman deserves equal pay for equal work. She deserves to have a baby without sacrificing her job. A mother deserves a day off to care for a sick child or sick parent without running into hardship—and you know what, a father does, too. It's time to do away with workplace policies that belong in a "Mad Men" episode. This year, let's all come together—Congress, the White House, and businesses from Wall Street to Main Street—to give every woman the opportunity she deserves. Because I firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

Now, women hold a majority of lower-wage jobs—but they're not the only ones stifled by stagnant wages. Americans understand that some people will earn more than others, and we don't resent those who, by virtue of their efforts, achieve incredible success. But Americans overwhelmingly agree that no one who works full time should ever have to raise a family in poverty.

In the year since I asked this Congress to raise the minimum wage, five States have passed laws to raise theirs. Many businesses have done it on their own. Nick Chute is here tonight with his boss, John Soranno. John's an owner of Punch Pizza in Minneapolis, and Nick helps make the dough. Only now he makes more of it: John just gave his employees a raise, to ten bucks an hour—a decision that eased their financial stress and boosted their morale.

Tonight, I ask more of America's business leaders to follow John's lead and do what you can to raise your employees' wages. To every mayor, governor, and state legislator in America, I say, you don't have to wait for Congress to act; Americans will support you if you take this on. And as a chief executive, I intend to lead by example. Profitable corporations like Costco see higher wages as the smart way to boost productivity and reduce turnover. We should too. In the coming weeks, I will issue an Executive Order requiring Federal contractors to pay their federally-funded employees a fair wage of at least \$10.10 an hour—because if you cook our troops' meals or wash their dishes, you shouldn't have to live in poverty.

Of course, to reach millions more, Congress needs to get on board. Today, the Federal minimum wage is worth about 20 percent less than it was when Ronald Reagan first stood here. TOM HARKIN and GEORGE MILLER have a bill to fix that by lifting the minimum wage to \$10.10. This will help families. It will give businesses customers with more money to spend. It doesn't involve any new bureaucratic program. So join the rest of the country. Say yes. Give America a raise.

There are other steps we can take to help families make ends meet, and few are more effective at reducing inequality and helping families pull themselves up through hard work than the Earned Income Tax Credit. Right now, it helps about half of all parents at some point. But I agree with Republicans like Senator RUBIO that it doesn't do enough for single workers who don't have kids. So let's work together to strengthen the credit, reward work, and help more Americans get ahead.

Let's do more to help Americans save for retirement. Today, most workers don't have a pension. A Social Security check often isn't enough on its own. And while the stock market has doubled over the last 5 years, that doesn't help folks who don't have 401Ks. That's why, tomorrow, I will direct the

Treasury to create a new way for working Americans to start their own retirement savings: MyRA. It's a new savings bond that encourages folks to build a nest egg. MyRA guarantees a decent return with no risk of losing what you put in. And if this Congress wants to help, work with me to fix an upside-down tax code that gives big tax breaks to help the wealthy save, but does little to nothing for middle-class Americans. Offer every American access to an automatic IRA on the job, so they can save at work just like everyone in this Chamber can. And since the most important investment many families make is their home, send me legislation that protects taxpayers from footing the bill for a housing crisis ever again, and keeps the dream of homeownership alive for future generations of Americans.

One last point on financial security. For decades, few things exposed hard-working families to economic hardship more than a broken health care system. And in case you haven't heard, we're in the process of fixing that.

A pre-existing condition used to mean that someone like Amanda Shelley, a physician assistant and single mom from Arizona, couldn't get health insurance. But on January 1st, she got covered. On January 3rd, she felt a sharp pain. On January 6th, she had emergency surgery. Just one week earlier, Amanda said, that surgery would've meant bankruptcy.

That's what health insurance reform is all about—the peace of mind that if misfortune strikes, you don't have to lose everything.

Already, because of the Affordable Care Act, more than 3 million Americans under age 26 have gained coverage under their parents' plans.

More than nine million Americans have signed up for private health insurance or Medicaid coverage.

And here's another number: zero. Because of this law, no American can ever again be dropped or denied coverage for a preexisting condition like asthma, back pain, or cancer. No woman can ever be charged more just because she's a woman. And we did all this while adding years to Medicare's finances, keeping Medicare premiums flat, and lowering prescription costs for millions of seniors.

Now, I don't expect to convince my Republican friends on the merits of this law. But I know that the American people aren't interested in refighting old battles. So again, if you have specific plans to cut costs, cover more people, and increase choice—tell America what you'd do differently. Let's see if the numbers add up. But let's not have another forty-something votes to repeal a law that's already helping millions of Americans like Amanda. The first forty were plenty. We got it. We all owe it to the American people

to say what we're for, not just what we're against.

And if you want to know the real impact this law is having, just talk to Governor Steve Beshear of Kentucky, who's here tonight. Kentucky's not the most liberal part of the country, but he's like a man possessed when it comes to covering his commonwealth's families. "They are our friends and neighbors," he said. "They are people we shop and go to church with—farmers out on the tractors—grocery clerks—they are people who go to work every morning praying they don't get sick. No one deserves to live that way."

Steve's right. That's why, tonight, I ask every American who knows someone without health insurance to help them get covered by March 31st. Moms, get on your kids to sign up. Kids, call your mom and walk her through the application. It will give her some peace of mind—plus, she'll appreciate hearing from you.

After all, that's the spirit that has always moved this Nation forward. It's the spirit of citizenship—the recognition that through hard work and responsibility, we can pursue our individual dreams, but still come together as one American family to make sure the next generation can pursue its dreams as well.

Citizenship means standing up for everyone's right to vote. Last year, part of the Voting Rights Act was weakened. But conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats are working together to strengthen it; and the bipartisan commission I appointed last year has offered reforms so that no one has to wait more than a half hour to vote. Let's support these efforts. It should be the power of our vote, not the size of our bank account, that drives our democracy.

Citizenship means standing up for the lives that gun violence steals from us each day. I have seen the courage of parents, students, pastors, and police officers all over this country who say "we are not afraid," and I intend to keep trying, with or without Congress, to help stop more tragedies from visiting innocent Americans in our movie theaters, shopping malls, or schools like Sandy Hook.

Citizenship demands a sense of common cause; participation in the hard work of self-government; an obligation to serve to our communities. And I know this chamber agrees that few Americans give more to their country than our diplomats and the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

Tonight, because of the extraordinary troops and civilians who risk and lay down their lives to keep us free, the United States is more secure. When I took office, nearly 180,000 Americans were serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, all our troops are out of Iraq. More than 60,000 of our troops have already come home from Afghanistan. With Afghan forces now in the lead for their own

security, our troops have moved to a support role. Together with our allies, we will complete our mission there by the end of this year, and America's longest war will finally be over.

After 2014, we will support a unified Afghanistan as it takes responsibility for its own future. If the Afghan government signs a security agreement that we have negotiated, a small force of Americans could remain in Afghanistan with NATO allies to carry out two narrow missions: training and assisting Afghan forces, and counterterrorism operations to pursue any remnants of al Qaeda. For while our relationship with Afghanistan will change, one thing will not: our resolve that terrorists do not launch attacks against our country.

The fact is, that danger remains. While we have put al Qaeda's core leadership on a path to defeat, the threat has evolved, as al Qaeda affiliates and other extremists take root in different parts of the world. In Yemen, Somalia, Iraq, and Mali, we have to keep working with partners to disrupt and disable these networks. In Syria, we'll support the opposition that rejects the agenda of terrorist networks. Here at home, we'll keep strengthening our defenses, and combat new threats like cyberattacks. And as we reform our defense budget, we have to keep faith with our men and women in uniform, and invest in the capabilities they need to succeed in future missions.

We have to remain vigilant. But I strongly believe our leadership and our security cannot depend on our military alone. As Commander in Chief, I have used force when needed to protect the American people, and I will never hesitate to do so as long as I hold this office. But I will not send our troops into harm's way unless it's truly necessary; nor will I allow our sons and daughters to be mired in open-ended conflicts. We must fight the battles that need to be fought, not those that terrorists prefer from us—large-scale deployments that drain our strength and may ultimately feed extremism.

So, even as we aggressively pursue terrorist networks—through more targeted efforts and by building the capacity of our foreign partners—America must move off a permanent war footing. That's why I've imposed prudent limits on the use of drones—for we will not be safer if people abroad believe we strike within their countries without regard for the consequence. That's why, working with this Congress, I will reform our surveillance programs—because the vital work of our intelligence community depends on public confidence, here and abroad, that the privacy of ordinary people is not being violated. And with the Afghan war ending, this needs to be the year Congress lifts the remaining restrictions on detainee transfers and we close the prison at Guantanamo Bay—because we counter

terrorism not just through intelligence and military action, but by remaining true to our Constitutional ideals, and setting an example for the rest of the world.

You see, in a world of complex threats, our security and leadership depends on all elements of our power—including strong and principled diplomacy. American diplomacy has rallied more than 50 countries to prevent nuclear materials from falling into the wrong hands, and allowed us to reduce our own reliance on Cold War stockpiles. American diplomacy, backed by the threat of force, is why Syria's chemical weapons are being eliminated, and we will continue to work with the international community to usher in the future the Syrian people deserve—a future free of dictatorship, terror and fear. As we speak, American diplomacy is supporting Israelis and Palestinians as they engage in difficult but necessary talks to end the conflict there; to achieve dignity and an independent state for Palestinians, and lasting peace and security for the State of Israel—a Jewish state that knows America will always be at their side.

And it is American diplomacy, backed by pressure, that has halted the progress of Iran's nuclear program—and rolled parts of that program back—for the very first time in a decade. As we gather here tonight, Iran has begun to eliminate its stockpile of higher levels of enriched uranium. It is not installing advanced centrifuges. Unprecedented inspections help the world verify, every day, that Iran is not building a bomb. And with our allies and partners, we're engaged in negotiations to see if we can peacefully achieve a goal we all share: preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

These negotiations will be difficult. They may not succeed. We are clear-eyed about Iran's support for terrorist organizations like Hezbollah, which threaten our allies; and the mistrust between our nations cannot be wished away. But these negotiations do not rely on trust; any long-term deal we agree to must be based on verifiable action that convinces us and the international community that Iran is not building a nuclear bomb. It John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan could negotiate with the Soviet Union, then surely a strong and confident America can negotiate with less powerful adversaries today.

The sanctions that we put in place helped make this opportunity possible. But let me be clear: if this Congress sends me a new sanctions bill now that threatens to derail these talks, I will veto it. For the sake of our national security, we must give diplomacy a chance to succeed. If Iran's leaders do not seize this opportunity, then I will be the first to call for more sanctions, and stand ready to exercise all options to make sure Iran does not build a nuclear weapon. But if Iran's leaders do seize the chance, then Iran could

take an important step to rejoin the community of nations, and we will have resolved one of the leading security challenges of our time without the risks of war.

Finally, let's remember that our leadership is defined not just by our defense against threats, but by the enormous opportunities to do good and promote understanding around the globe—to forge greater cooperation, to expand new markets, to free people from fear and want. And no one is better positioned to take advantage of those opportunities than America.

Our alliance with Europe remains the strongest the world has ever known. From Tunisia to Burma, we're supporting those who are willing to do the hard work of building democracy. In Ukraine, we stand for the principle that all people have the right to express themselves freely and peacefully, and have a say in their country's future. Across Africa, we're bringing together businesses and governments to double access to electricity and help end extreme poverty. In the Americas, we are building new ties of commerce, but we're also expanding cultural and educational exchanges among young people. And we will continue to focus on the Asia-Pacific, where we support our allies, shape a future of greater security and prosperity, and extend a hand to those devastated by disaster—as we did in the Philippines, when our Marines and civilians rushed to aid those battered by a typhoon, and were greeted with words like, “We will never forget your kindness” and “God bless America!”

We do these things because they help promote our long-term security. And we do them because we believe in the inherent dignity and equality of every human being, regardless of race or religion, creed or sexual orientation. And next week, the world will see one expression of that commitment—when Team USA marches the red, white, and blue into the Olympic Stadium—and brings home the gold.

My fellow Americans, no other country in the world does what we do. On every issue, the world turns to us, not simply because of the size of our economy or our military might—but because of the ideals we stand for, and the burdens we bear to advance them.

No one knows this better than those who serve in uniform. As this time of war draws to a close, a new generation of heroes returns to civilian life. We'll keep slashing that backlog so our veterans receive the benefits they've earned, and our wounded warriors receive the health care—including the mental health care—that they need. We'll keep working to help all our veterans translate their skills and leadership into jobs here at home. And we all continue to join forces to

honor and support our remarkable military families.

Let me tell you about one of those families I've come to know.

I first met Cory Remsburg, a proud Army Ranger, at Omaha Beach on the 65th anniversary of D-Day. Along with some of his fellow Rangers, he walked me through the program—a strong, impressive young man, with an easy manner, sharp as a tack. We joked around, and took pictures, and T. told him to stay in touch.

A few months later, on his tenth deployment, Cory was nearly killed by a massive roadside bomb in Afghanistan. His comrades found him in a canal, face down, underwater, shrapnel in his brain.

For months, he lay in a coma. The next time I met him, in the hospital, he couldn't speak; he could barely move. Over the years, he's endured dozens of surgeries and procedures, and hours of grueling rehab every day.

Even now, Cory is still blind in one eye. He still struggles on his left side. But slowly, steadily, with the support of caregivers like his dad Craig, and the community around him, Cory has grown stronger. Day by day, he's learned to speak again and stand again and walk again—and he's working toward the day when he can serve his country again.

“My recovery has not been easy,” he says. “Nothing in life that's worth anything is easy.”

Cory is here tonight. And like the Army he loves, like the America he serves, Sergeant First Class Cory Remsburg never gives up, and he does not quit.

My fellow Americans, men and women like Cory remind us that America has never come easy. Our freedom, our democracy, has never been easy. Sometimes we stumble; we make mistakes; we get frustrated or discouraged. But for more than 200 years, we have put those things aside and placed our collective shoulder to the wheel of progress—to create and build and expand the possibilities of individual achievement; to free other nations from tyranny and fear; to promote justice, and fairness, and equality under the law, so that the words set to paper by our founders are made real for every citizen. The America we want for our kids—a rising America where honest work is plentiful and communities are strong; where prosperity is widely shared and opportunity for all lets us go as far as our dreams and toil will take us—none of it is easy. But if we work together; if we summon what is best in us, with our feet planted firmly in today but our eyes cast towards tomorrow—I know it's within our reach.

Believe it.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.”

Upon conclusion of the address,

At 10:27 p.m.,

The Joint Session was dissolved; and

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:27 p.m.,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 29, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1950

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries:

PROPOSED THIRD AMENDMENT TO
THE AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY -- PM 28

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Third Amendment to the Agreement for Co-operation Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (the "Amendment"). I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Amendment, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the Amendment. (In accordance with section 123 of the Act, as amended by title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), a classified annex to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately.) The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS pursuant to section 102A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 403-1), as amended, is being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The proposed Amendment has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

Pursuant to the proposed Amendment, the Agreement for Co-operation Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency, signed at Vienna May 11, 1959, as amended and

extended February 12, 1974, and January 14, 1980 (the "Agreement"), would continue to provide a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with the IAEA and facilitate our mutual objectives related to nonproliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

The primary purposes of the Agreement are to enable exports from the United States of nuclear material and equipment to IAEA Member States for research reactors and, in certain cases, for power reactors, and to enable transfers from the United States of small samples of nuclear material to the IAEA for safeguards and research purposes.

Under the proposed Amendment, the term of the Agreement will be extended an additional 40 years for a total term of 95 years.

The Agreement permits the transfer of material, equipment (including reactors), and facilities for nuclear research and nuclear power production. It does not permit transfers of Restricted Data, sensitive nuclear facilities, or major critical components of such facilities, or, unless specifically provided for in a supply agreement or an amendment thereto, transfers of sensitive nuclear technology. In the event of termination of the Agreement, key nonproliferation conditions and controls continue with respect to material, equipment, and facilities subject to the Agreement.

A more detailed discussion of the IAEA's nuclear nonproliferation and peaceful uses activities is provided in the NPAS and in a classified annex to the NPAS submitted to you separately.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested agencies in reviewing the proposed Amendment to the Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the Amendment and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in section 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 29, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4465. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program: Election Opportunities for Pathways Participants" (RIN3206-AM98), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4466. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collection by Offset From Indebted Government Employees" (RIN3206-AM14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4467. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program: Eligibility for Pathways Programs Participants" (RIN3206-AM97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4468. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program: Eligibility for Pathways Programs Participants" (RIN3206-AM97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4469. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collection by Offset From Indebted Government Employees" (RIN3206-AM14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4470. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program: Election Opportunities for Pathways Participants" (RIN3206-AM98), received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4471. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects for Fiscal Year 2013 "; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4472. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4473. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4474. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4475. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4476. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-188. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorializing the Congress of the United States to support the Forest Products Fairness Act of 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 223

Whereas, The Forest Products Fairness Act of 2013 proposes to include forest products in

the definition of "biobased product," as well as the USDA Biobased Markets Program; and

Whereas, Including forest products in the USDA Biobased Markets Program will provide the opportunity for forest products to receive increased consumer attention and Federal Government procurement preference; and

Whereas, Forestry is a vital industry in this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The timber and forest products industry provides more than 100,000 jobs in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, The industry produces more than \$5 billion worth of products annually; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania hardwood products are exported around the globe and are famous for their beauty and quality; and

Whereas, Forestry material, a biobased product, can be utilized for recycling purposes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to support Congressman Glenn Thompson of Pennsylvania's efforts to add to the Farm Bill or his efforts to introduce new legislation known as the Forest Products Fairness Act of 2013; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-189. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the Communications Decency Act of 1996 to allow the prosecution by state and local governments of individuals who promote prostitution and child sex trafficking through online advertisements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 244

Whereas, As many as 2 million children are subjected to prostitution in the global commercial sex trade. Websites that promote prostitution and sex trafficking through classified ads have become more commonplace, facilitating the organized prostitution of children and providing a facade for sex traffickers to hide behind; and

Whereas, Websites involved in posting ads for prostitution, involving both adults and children, claim protection under the federal Communications Decency Act of 1996 to avoid prosecution. However, the Communications Decency Act was passed to protect Internet Service Providers from defamatory statements made by online users. It was not intended to protect websites involved in criminal activity; and

Whereas, State and local governments are currently unable to take enforcement action

against these sites. The state of Washington enacted legislation that criminalizes aiding the sale of sex with a child to force online prostitution sites to verify ages or shut down their adult sections entirely. A preliminary injunction has been issued against the law stating, in part, that potential First Amendment issues may be involved; and

Whereas, Action at the federal level is needed. The National Association of Attorneys General has lobbied Congress to amend the Communications Decency Act of 1996 to allow regulation by state and local governments: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to amend the Communications Decency Act of 1996 to allow the prosecution by state and local governments of individuals who promote prostitution and child sex trafficking through online advertisements; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-190. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio memorializing the Congress of the United States to oppose any legislation that requires Social Security coverage for members of any of Ohio's state retirement systems; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 190

Whereas, Ohio has a long history, predating the creation of Social Security, of providing retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to its state and local public employees through its own state retirement systems; and

Whereas, These state retirement systems, the Public Employees Retirement System, Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, State Teachers Retirement System, School Employees Retirement System, and State Highway Patrol Retirement System, have combined assets of over \$165 billion and provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to over 1.5 million members, retirees, and beneficiaries; and

Whereas, The state retirement system plans are offered in lieu of Social Security; and

Whereas, Ohio's state retirement systems are required by Ohio law to accumulate and maintain, through employer and employee contributions and investments, the necessary funds to pay all benefits promised by the Ohio General Assembly; and

Whereas, The state retirement systems are well-managed and free of the financial problems facing Social Security; and

Whereas, Any federal mandates that require Ohio public employee participation in

Social Security or other federal pension programs would devastate Ohio's state retirement systems, weaken the retirement security of its public employees, and jeopardize their retirement benefits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the Congress of the United States to oppose any legislation containing provisions that would require Ohio's public employees who are members of a state retirement system to participate in Social Security or any federal pension program; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, either in whole or in part, will meet with the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation whenever feasible to express our opposition to any federal legislation that would require Ohio's public employees who are members of a state retirement system to participate in Social Security or any federal pension program; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage our fellow members to personally meet with each Senator and Representative in the Ohio Congressional delegation to further express our opposition to any federal legislation that would require Ohio's public employees who are members of a state retirement system to participate in Social Security or any federal pension program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-191. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass and the President of the United States to sign the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 571

Whereas, As the result of a series of United States Supreme Court cases dealing with state taxation of mail order catalog retailers, including *Quill Corp. v. North Dakota*, 504 U.S. 298 (1992) and *National Bellas Hess, Inc. v. Department of Revenue of Illinois*, 386 U.S. 753 (1967), a state is generally unable to require a retailer without a physical presence in that state to collect sales and use tax on its behalf; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has long imposed a sales tax on each sale at retail of tangible

personal property or taxable services within this Commonwealth, with the retailer required to collect the tax from the purchaser and to remit the collected tax to the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, If the retailer does not collect the sales tax on a taxable sale at retail, and the purchaser uses the purchased item or service within this Commonwealth, the purchaser is legally required to pay use tax directly to the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The burden on individual purchasers or consumers to track, calculate and remit the correct amount of use tax is significant, resulting in low rates of compliance and reduced state tax collections; and

Whereas, A 2011 study by Robert Strauss, Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University, projected that Pennsylvania would lose between \$254 million and \$410 million in sales and use taxes in 2012 due to the inability to require retailers without a physical presence in this Commonwealth to collect sales and use taxes; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has taken measures to improve the collection of this tax, including the addition of a section for the use tax on the standard Pennsylvania tax return form (PA-40) and by clarifying the nexus standard for retailers with physical presence in this Commonwealth through a subsidiary, representative or agent; and

Whereas, While the recent measures by the Department of Revenue to improve collections have resulted in increased compliance, much remains uncollected; and

Whereas, The inability to collect sales and use tax on purchases made from retailers that do not have a physical presence in this Commonwealth has created a disadvantage for this Commonwealth's brick-and-mortar retailers that are required to collect the sales and use tax; and

Whereas, The 2011 study by Professor Strauss projected that uniform collection of the sales and use tax across all retailers would result in job growth by Pennsylvania-based brick-and-mortar retailers of between 1,530 and 2,766 jobs, which would generate between \$66 million and \$119 million in wages; and

Whereas, The growth of retail sales on the Internet has exacerbated the problem for taxpayers and the Commonwealth far beyond the circumstances considered when the *Quill* case was decided; and

Whereas, Congress is in the best position to standardize the nationwide collection of sales and use taxes from retailers that do not have a physical presence in the state where the tax is due; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court stated in *Quill* that the problem "is not only one that Congress may be better qualified to

resolve, but also one that Congress has the ultimate power to resolve"; and

Whereas, On May 6, 2013, the United States Senate passed the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013, which would provide nationwide standards for the collection of sales and use taxes from out-of-state retailers, by a vote of 69 to 27; and

Whereas, The Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 is currently being considered by the Committee on the Judiciary in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, On September 18, 2013, Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) and Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Chairman Spencer Bachus (R-Ala.) issued a statement outlining the framework the committee will follow when considering the legislation; and

Whereas, The Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 would simply standardize the collection of existing taxes that are already due; it would not expand an existing tax nor would it create a new tax; and

Whereas, The additional revenue that is already due to the Commonwealth that would be collected under the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 could be used to prevent future tax increases and to provide tax relief to all Pennsylvanians; and

Whereas, A 2013 study by economists Arthur B. Laffer and Donna Arduin projects that over the next ten years the enactment of the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 could empower states to implement pro-growth tax policies that would result in a nationwide increase in gross domestic product (GDP) of \$563.2 billion and add over 1.5 million new jobs, with \$15.1 billion in GDP growth and 43,000 new jobs in Pennsylvania: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives memorialize the Congress of the United States to pass and the President of the United States to sign the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013, or a similar act, to provide uniform measures for the collection of states' sales and use taxes; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-192. A resolution adopted by Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey urging Congress to dedicate additional federal funds for highway maintenance and infrastructure improvements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-193. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Northern Mariana Commonwealth Legislature petitioning the United States Congress to amend the Radiation Exposure Act of 1990; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18-04, S1

Whereas, the United States Government and the Atomic Energy Commission together with the United States Armed Forces conducted testing of atomic nuclear weapons on Eniwetok and Bikini Atolls in the Marshall Islands, South Pacific, from 1946 to 1962; and

Whereas, a total of 67 atomic and thermonuclear bombs/devices were detonated with a total yield of 108,492.2 kilotons which resulted in fallout across a wide area around the Marshall Islands in the Pacific; and

Whereas, no less than ten of those detonations yielded between five to ten megatons of radioactive material from the center of the explosion to the height of between 12 to 55 miles into the jet-stream; and

Whereas, on October 31, 1952, Operation Ivy was conducted on Elugelab Island ("Flora") in the Enewetak Atoll, in which the first true thermonuclear hydrogen bomb (a 10.4 megaton device) code name Mike was detonated, destroying the entire island leaving behind a 6,240 feet across and 164 feet deep crater in its aftermath; and

Whereas, in 90 seconds the mushroom cloud climbed to 57,000 feet into the atmosphere and within 30 minutes had stretched 60 miles in diameter with the base of the mushroom head joining the stem of 45,000 feet; and

Whereas, radioactive fallout is the after effect of the detonation of a nuclear bomb where radioactive particles and earth debris, which comprise the mushroom cloud, are released into the atmosphere and remain in the atmosphere for about 24 hours before descending back to earth; and

Whereas, before the descent back to earth, these radioactive particles can be carried through jet-streams in the atmosphere to locations over a thousand miles away from the actual test site and settle into the environment causing multiple health and environmental problems; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are located approximately 1,230 miles directly west of the test sites; and

Whereas, the radioactive dust particles travelled through the westward flowing jet-streams from the Marshall Islands to Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

Whereas, due to the deleterious effects of the nuclear radiation, on October 5., 1990, the United States Congress passed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act ("RECA") which established new programs for persons physically present in areas near the Nevada nuclear test site during atomic testing at the site. Atmospheric testing of atomic devices—important to national security during the darkest days of the "cold war"—ended in 1963 when, under President

Kennedy, the United States signed and ratified the limited Test Ban "Treaty". Prior to the Treaty, the United States detonated over 200 atomic devices in the open air in both the South Pacific and in Nevada. The RECA provides compassionate payments to persons with specified diseases who fear that their health were harmed because of fallout from atmospheric atomic testing at the Nevada test site, regardless of whether causation can be scientifically established; and

Whereas, on July 10, 2000, Public Law 106-245, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000 was passed, adding two new claimant categories, providing for, among other things, additional compensable illnesses, removing certain lifestyle restrictions, and adding additional geographic areas to the "downwinder" claimant category; and

Whereas, although RECA coverage has been expanded, it still does not provide relief to all Americans affected by fallout, particularly residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Territory of Guam; and

Whereas, there is no doubt that the Territory of Guam has received radioactive debris from fallout during the nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific Ocean to such an extent that in March 2004, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo spoke before the Committee to Assess the Scientific Information for the Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program to request that they include an assessment of Guam for "downwinders" and ship decontamination as part of their congressionally mandated study; and

Whereas, because the islands in the CNMI are in close proximity to the Territory of Guam, separated by a scant 30 miles, and both are affected by the same wind, weather and ocean current patterns, it logically follows that radiation which affects the Territory of Guam necessarily affects the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

Whereas, as a result, the Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board ("NSRB") published in 2005 its report entitled "Assessment of the Scientific information for the Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program"; and

Whereas, because fallout may have been higher for the people outside RECA-designated areas, the NSRB recommended that all residents of the continental US, Alaska, Hawaii, and overseas US territories who have been diagnosed with specific RECA-compensable diseases and who may have been exposed to radiation from U.S. nuclear-weapons testing fallout be compensated; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the authority to amend RECA to include

residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands affected by radiation as eligible "downwinder" claimants; and

Whereas, the failure of the United States Congress to amend RECA in such a way as to compensate affected residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Islands will cause the people of the Commonwealth to bear a disproportionate burden in defending the United States of America; and

Whereas, we, the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, United States of America, humbly request that the Commonwealth be included in RECA with the same criteria that was made for Nevada test site in 1990 for compassionate payments: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by the Eighteen Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, That the United States Congress is hereby respectfully petitioned to declare that all Americans shall be given the same consideration when it comes to compensation for exposure to radiation from U.S. nuclear testing; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States Congress is hereby respectfully petitioned to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990, Public Law 101-426, as amended by Public Law 101-510, 3139 (43 U.S.C. 2210) and Public Law 106-245, to include the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the jurisdiction "downwinders" covered by the Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States Congress is hereby respectfully requested to include the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands similarly as the Territory of Guam and be granted RECA "on site" status; and be it further

Resolved, That the affected population previously and currently in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (those residing who have been exposed to radiation from the Atomic Energy Commission tests in the Marshall Islands) be recognized as being "downwinders" of such test; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify, and the Senate Legislative Secretary and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this joint resolution, and thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable

Mark Chuck Grassley, ranking member, Committee of the Judiciary United States Senate; to the Honorable Mark Udall, United States Senate; to the Honorable Tom Udall, United States Senate; to the Honorable Martin Heinrich, United States Senate; to the Honorable Mike Crapo, United States Senate; to the Honorable James Risch, United States Senate; to the Honorable Michael Bennet, United States Senate; to the Honorable Tom Harkin, Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, United States Senate; to the Honorable Michael B. Enzi, ranking member, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, United States Senate; to the Honorable Robert Menendez, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs United States Senate; to the Honorable Bob Corker, ranking member Committee on Foreign Affairs United States Senate; to the Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Chairwoman, Committee on Appropriations United States Senate; to the Honorable Ben Lujan, member of Congress, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Lamar Smith, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., ranking member, Committee on Judiciary United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Fred Upton, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Henry Waxman, ranking member, Committee on Energy and Commerce, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Hal Rogers, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Nita Lowey, ranking member, Committee on Appropriations, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Ed Royce Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Eliot Engel, ranking member Foreign Affairs Committee, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable John Kline, Chairman, Committee on Education and the Workforce, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable George Miller, ranking member, Committee on Education and the Workforce, United States House of Representatives; to Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States; to Mr. RJ Ritter, National Commander, National Association of Atomic Veterans; to Mr. Bob Kiltthau, Hawaii State Commander, National Association of Atomic Veterans; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, United States House of Representatives, Territory of Guam; to the Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" Camcho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States Congress; to the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Honorable Judith T.

Won Pat, Speaker, 32nd Guam Legislature, Territory of Guam; to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, Governor, Territory of Guam and to Mr. Robert N. Celestial, Atomic Veteran from Guam and President of the Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors.

POM-194. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Northern Mariana Commonwealth Legislature requesting the United States Congress to eliminate Section 2109 of S.744 and similar legislation which will allow thousands of alien workers, their families, and persons of other ethnic origin who are in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to become permanent residents and subsequently become U.S. citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18-34

Whereas, the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Mariana Islands, in the exercise of their inalienable right of self-determination, negotiated the Covenant Agreement which established the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in a Political Union with the United States of America. And, in a plebiscite called by the United States on June 17, 1975, they approved the Covenant Agreement by 78.8 per centum. And, with the approval of the Covenant (U.S. Public Law 94-241; 90 Stat. 263) by the 94th United States Congress in a Joint Resolution (H.J. Res. 549) on March 24, 1976 and approved by the President of the United States on October 24, 1977, the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Mariana Islands finally realized their aspiration to be freed from foreign dominations, and to be recognized as a people of the Northern Mariana Islands, with the "the right of local self-government and to govern themselves in accordance with a Constitution of their own adoption" as agreed upon and guaranteed pursuant to Article 1, Section 103 of the Covenant; and

Whereas, this desire of the Chamorros and Carolinians of the Northern Mariana Islands is not unique, and serves as a basic tenet that guides indigenous peoples around the world who wish to be protected and secure in their homeland, and to exercise their right to self-government. These include the Filipinos, led by national hero and icon Jose Rizal; the Native Americans of North America; the indigenous Fijians, outnumbered at one point by ethnic Indians; the Aborigines of Australia; the Maori of New Zealand; and the Native Hawaiians; and

Whereas, the debate on immigration reform issues is now before the 113th United States Congress, and in particular, the passage of Section 2109 (Long-Term Legal Residents in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) of S.744 by the Senate, that is now before the House of Representatives, if

approved and becomes a law, will make thousands of alien workers, their families and people of other ethnic origin in the Commonwealth eligible to become U.S. permanent residents five years from its enactment, and five years thereafter, they will be eligible to become U. S. Citizen; and

Whereas, the CNMI's 2010 census data shows that there were 53,883 people in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Of that figure, 2,461 were Carolinians and 12,902 were Chamorros, representing a combined total of 15,363 persons of Northern Marianas descent. The 2010 census reported other ethnic groups as follows: 19,017 Filipino; 2,253 Korean; 3,659 Chinese; 1,979 other Asian persons; 1,343 persons of other ethnic origin; 6,832 persons of two or more ethnic origins; and 3,437 persons of native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders. These groups of people represent a total of 38,520 or 71 percent of the total population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, compared to only 15,363 or 29 percent of Chamorro and Carolinian people of Northern Marianas descent. Undoubtedly, the alien workers, their families and people of other ethnic origin have already outnumbered the population of the Chamorro and Carolinian people of Northern Marianas descent; and

Whereas, the U. S. Senate, in introducing S. 744 with the added Section 2109 (Long-term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), failed to recognize and respect the spirit and sanctity of the Covenant Agreement; the fundamental provisions delineated in Article I, Section 105 of the Covenant, namely, Articles I, II, and III and Sections 501 and 805; and in particular, Article I, Section 103, which guarantees the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians of the Northern Mariana Islands their right of local self-government and to govern themselves with respect to internal affairs in accordance with a Constitution of their own adoption; and

Whereas, S. 744, Sections 2109 B(i), (ii), (iii), (v)(I), (V), and (C) will allow the alien workers, their families and people of other ethnicity to become permanent residents and eventually become U. S. citizens upon it becoming law. According to the 2010 census these foreign people represent a combined total of 38,520 or 71 percent of the Commonwealth's population. Such data clearly depicts a great disparity in the population profile of the Commonwealth, where the people of Northern Mariana descent represent only 15,363 or 29 percent of the total population of 53,883. As a consequence, the Chamorros and Carolinians of the Northern Marianas Islands will ultimately become powerless and minority voice in their homeland. Their social, economic, and political rights and all that they have aspired, bargained and worked

hard to achieve, pursuant to the Covenant Agreement; including their rights under the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution, which they wrote, adopted, and approved by the President of the United State of America on October 24, 1977, will undeniably be taken away from them; and

Whereas, Article V, Section 506 of the Covenant, which the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Mariana Islands agreed to, and approved, hold the same provisions as those found in Section 2109 of S. 744. Sub-section (II) of Section 2109 permits such alien who was, on May 8, 2008, and continues to be as of the date of the enactment of this paragraph, a permanent resident (as defined in section 4303 of this title 3 of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Code, in effect on May 8, 2008); and (III), is the spouse or child (as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1))), of an alien described in sub-clauses (I) or (II); and (IV), was, on May 8, 2008, an immediate relative (as defined in section 4303 of title 3 of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Code, in effect on May 8, 2008, of a United States citizen, notwithstanding the age of the United States citizen, and continues to be such an immediate relative on the date of the application described in subparagraph (A); and (V), is the spouse or child (as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1))), of the alien guest worker described in sub-clause (V) and is presently resident under CW-2 status. The intent of these provisions are already permitted under Section 506 of Article 5 of the Covenant Agreement, notwithstanding Sections 2109B(i), (ii), (iii), (v)(I), (V), and (C) (Long-term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) of S.744; and

Whereas, Section 2109 ((Long-Term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) of S. 744 is amending Article V, Section 506 of the Covenant by including Section 2109 B(i), (ii), (iii), (v)(I), (V), and (C) to allow alien workers, their families, and people of other ethnic origin, who were counted and described in the CNMI's 2010 Census, to become permanent residents and eventually become U. S. citizens. Clearly, this Act violates the fundamental provisions delineated in Article I, Sections 105 and other provisions of the Covenant; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the 18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature recognizes the importance of granting improved status to the few stateless persons who were born in the Northern Mariana Islands between January 1, 1974 and January 9, 1978 (Section 2109 B(v)(I)); however, the granting of permanent resident status to foreign persons delineated in Section

2109 B(i), (ii), (iii), (V), and (C) of S.744, should and must go through the established process, pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act. Therefore, the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature disagrees with and is strongly opposed to the inclusion of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in S.744, under Section 2109 (Long-Term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands); and

Whereas, Article V, Section 503(a) of the Covenant authorizes the United States Congress to make applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands the immigration and naturalization law of the United States after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. This was accomplished when the U.S. Congress enacted the Consolidated Natural Resource Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-229). However, such authority given to the United States Congress under the said Article V, Section 503(a) does not necessarily mean that the U.S. Congress can unilaterally and arbitrarily enact immigration laws and/or other bills or legislations for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that contradicts and infringes on the fundamental provisions delineated in Article 1, Section 105 and other provisions of the Covenant; particularly, outlined in Article 1, Section 103, which guarantees the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands the right of local self-government and to govern themselves with respect to internal affairs in accordance with a Constitution of their own adoption; and

Whereas, Article 1, Section 105 of the Covenant states: "The United States may enact legislation in accordance with its constitutional processes which will be applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands, but if such legislation cannot also be made applicable to the several States the Northern Mariana Islands must be specifically named therein for it to become effective in the Northern Mariana Islands. In order to respect the right of self-government guaranteed by this Covenant the United States agrees to limit the exercise of that authority so that the fundamental provisions of this Covenant, namely Articles I, II and III and Sections 501 and 805, may be modified only with the consent of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands"; and

Whereas, Section 2109 (Long-term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) of S. 744 contradicts U.S. Public Law 110-229 (Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008) which mandates the alien worker population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be zeroed out when the transition period ends on Dec. 31, 2014. U.S. Public Law 110-229 (Consolidated Natural Resources Act of

2008) seeks to help create jobs for the many unemployed indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people and U.S. citizens who are residents in the Northern Mariana Islands, who have been actively searching for work in the job market. Section 2109 of S. 744, on the other hand, will deprive the Chamorro and Carolinian people of Northern Marianas descent and U.S. citizens who are residents of the Commonwealth of employment opportunities, as alien workers and people of other ethnic origin will continue to occupy and fill the positions in the job market; and

Whereas, alien workers who are recruited for employment purposes, should not, irrespective of the length of their employment in the Commonwealth, be automatically entitled to full social, economic, and political rights, because such benefits and privileges of United States citizens were never promised, bargained, entered, and/or agreed upon in their employment contracts, which were approved by them and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; nor were discussions made or suggested for alien workers, their families, and persons of other ethnic origin to become permanent resident during the negotiation of Covenant Agreement between the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States of America, notwithstanding Section 506 of Article V of the Covenant; and

Whereas, the enactment of Section 2109 (Long-term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) of S. 744, and/or any similar Act by Congress, will dramatically change the social, economic, and political landscape in the Commonwealth to the advantage of the thousands of alien workers, their families and people of other ethnic origin or race upon them becoming U.S. Citizens. This will have a devastating effect on the social, political and economic livelihood of the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Mariana Islands. It will give birth to a new form of foreign domination on the indigenous people once again, but this time, sadly, it evolves from within the Commonwealth by way of Section 2109 (Long-term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands); and

Whereas, the enactment of Section 2109 of S. 744, and/or any similar legislations by Congress will place the Carolinian and Chamorro people of the Northern Mariana Islands back in time, trapped under a new form of foreign domination once again, and a direct violation of the Covenant Agreement, and the mandates of the Trusteeship Agreement which was agreed upon by the United States and the United Nations Security Council, including the Charter of the United Nations which obligates the United States "to promote the development of the people of the trust territory toward self-

government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the trust territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned". The enactment of Section 2109 and/or other similar act or legislations by Congress is a direct contradiction to the freely expressed wishes of the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Marianas Islands when they exercised their inalienable right of self-determination and negotiated the Covenant Agreement with the United States of America—to be free from foreign domination, and to be recognized as a people of the Northern Mariana Islands, with "the right of local self-government and to govern themselves in accordance with a Constitution of their own adoption; and

Whereas, Section 2109 of S. 744, and/or any similar Act currently before both houses of the U.S. Congress for consideration, or are being proposed will create alarming concerns to the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Mariana Islands, thus affecting the relationship between them and the United States; therefore, the 18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature urged the U.S. Congress that any and all propose legislations that infringes upon the social, economic and political rights of the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people who are of Northern Marianas descent, who called for, negotiated, and voted favorably in support of the Covenant, must be addressed pursuant to Article 1, Section 105 and Section 902 of the Covenant; and

Whereas, Section 902 of Article IX states in part: "The Government of the United States and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands will consult regularly on all matters affecting the relationship between them"... "to consider in good faith such issues affecting the relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States as may be designated by either Government and to make recommendations with respect thereto": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the 18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature respectfully request and urge the House of Representatives of the 113th United States Congress to eliminate Section 2109 (Long-Term Legal Residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) of S. 744, and any similar legislation that is currently before both houses of the U.S. Congress undergoing review for consideration until such legislative intent for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is discussed pursuant to Article 1, Section 105 and Article IX, Section 902 of the Covenant to Establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas in Political Union with the United States of America; and to recognize, respect and take into serious consideration the mandates of the Trusteeship Agreement which was agreed

upon by the United States; and the United Nation Security Council, including the United States obligation under the Charter of the United Nation as stipulated in the House Joint Resolution No. 549—to approve the "Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall certify, and the Clerk of the House shall attest to the adoption of this resolution. The Clerk of the House shall transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate, 113th United States Congress; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House, 113th United States Congress; the Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the 113th United States Congress; the U. S. Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell; the Secretary of U.S. Department of Homeland Security; the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Ralph DLG Torres, President of the Senate; 18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the Honorable Donald P. Flores, Mayor of Saipan; the Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz, Mayor of Tinian and Aguigan; the Honorable Melchor A. Mendiola, Mayor of Rota; and the Honorable Tobias C. Aldan, Mayor of the Northern Islands.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1969. A bill to provide for higher education reform; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1970. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify safe harbor requirements applicable to automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1971. A bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1972. A bill to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of an individual's status or history of unemployment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1973. A bill to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. Res. 341. A resolution observing the 100th birthday of civil rights leader Daisy Bates and honoring her legacy as an American heroine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COBURN):

S. Con. Res. 31. A concurrent resolution designating January 2014 as "National Blood Donor Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 738

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1297

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1297, a bill to establish the Government Transformation

Commission to review and make recommendations regarding cost control in the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to establish the Office of the Special Advocate to provide advocacy in cases before courts established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes.

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1687

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1687, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1821

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1821, a bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1869

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1869, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for a county to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes.

S. 1920

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1920, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the research and development credit to encourage innovation.

S. 1926

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1926, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1950, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of

Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 333, a resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 333, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-430.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting to consider the following legislation and nomination: S. 1448, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; and the President's nomination of Vincent G. Logan to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bill: S. 919, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on the SENTRI Act (S.1728), "Improving Voter Registration and Voting Opportunities for Military and Overseas Voters."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 3:30 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Annual Report and Oversight of the Office of Financial Research."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1901. An act to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7. An act to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 7. An act to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions; to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1926

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID

on Monday, January 27, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1926; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate on the pending motion, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

HOMEOWNER FLOOD INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S.1926) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The following amendments were considered proposed on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated, and agreed to: amendment No. 2702, Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR); amendment No. 2704, Mr. RUBIO; amendment No. 2705, Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS); and amendment No. 2698, Mr. BLUNT.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mrs. GILLIBRAND to further amend the pending bill in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2708).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. LEE) to further amend the pending bill in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2700).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. WHITEHOUSE to further amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2706).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to further amend the pending bill, on various pages and lines, by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2697).

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN raised a point of order, viz, that the pending bill, as amended, violates section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments and motion were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. REED to further amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2703).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments and motion were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COATS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. COBURN) to further amend the pending bill by striking all beginning with section 103, through section 109, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2707).

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Mr. TOOMEY modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2707, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments and motion were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to further amend the pending bill in title I, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2709).

Mr. MERKLEY, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2709, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That the time until 4:45 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 4:45 p.m., the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the pending motion, amendment No. 2703, amendment No. 2706, and amendment No. 2708; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between said votes.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2709, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending bill.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 64, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 15 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2703 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2706 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2708 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2709, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of pending bill S. 1926; that the time until 11:15 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the final 10 minutes be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. MENENDEZ, or his designee, and Mr. TOOMEY, or his designee; that Mr. TOOMEY control the final 5 minutes therein; and that, at 11:15 a.m., the Senate vote in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 2707, as modified; amendment No. 2697; amendment No. 2709, as modified; and amendment No. 2700.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of amendment No. 2700, the Senate recess until 2 p.m.; that, at 2 p.m., the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES LIVES REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1417) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

OPM IG ACT

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2860) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management may use amounts in the revolving fund of the Office to fund audits, investigations, and oversight activities, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

RELATIVE TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BOARD OF REGENTS

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 28) providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

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

RELATIVE TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BOARD OF REGENTS

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 29) providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 31) designating January 2014 as "National Blood Donor Month", submitted today by Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COBURN), and at the desk; and

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1926, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1950

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1926

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

Ordered, That the vote on passage of bill S. 1926, as amended, ordered to occur today at 2 p.m. on today (as pursuant to the order of yesterday), instead occur on today at 1:50 p.m.; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

HOMEOWNER FLOOD INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1926) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National

Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2709, as modified, proposed by Mr. MERKLEY, to the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

The hour of 11:15 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 28, 2014, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2707 (in the nature of a substitute), as modified, proposed by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COATS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. JOHANNIS), to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 28, 2014, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 34, nays... 65

[Rollcall Vote No. 16 Leg.]

YEAS --- 34

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey.

NAYS --- 65

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 28, 2014, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2697, proposed by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN), to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 28, 2014, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 24, nays... 75

[Rollcall Vote No. 17 Leg.]

YEAS --- 24

Alexander, Barrasso, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Flake, Graham, Hatch, Inhofe, Isakson, Lee, Manchin, McCain, Merkley, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Sessions, Vitter.

NAYS --- 75

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 28, 2014, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2709, as modified, to the bill, as amended.

Mr. MERKLEY, by unanimous consent, withdrew his pending amendment, as modified.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2700, proposed by Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. LEE), to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, January 28, 2014, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 49, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 18 Leg.]

YEAS --- 49

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott,

Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 50

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:29 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 1:50 p.m.

AT 1:50 P.M.

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

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2642

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending conference report; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report on bill H.R. 2642:

HARRY REID, DEBBIE STABENOW, ROBERT MENENDEZ, BILL NELSON, T.R. HARKIN, TAMMY BALDWIN, JON TESTER, MICHAEL F. BENNET, PATRICK J. LEAHY, MAX BAUCUS, AMY KLOBUCHAR, HEIDI HEITKAMP, JOE

DONNELLY, DICK DURBIN, MARK UDALL, MARTIN HEINRICH, SHERROD BROWN.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the pending conference report at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014; that, if said motion is agreed to, at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, remaining for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate; that said time for debate be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of said debate, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

HOMEOWNER FLOOD INSURANCE
AFFORDABILITY ACT

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

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1926.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The bill, as amended, was considered read the third time.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 19 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Carper, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CARDIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL

H.R. 2642

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 2642.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1974. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1975. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1976. A bill to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1977. A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset; read the first time.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 1978. A bill to increase access to primary care services through training and

accountability improvements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1979. A bill to provide for USA Retirement Funds, to reform the pension system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 342. A resolution designating February 3 through 7, 2014, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

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

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1596

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1596, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the

Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and for other purposes.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to require a report on INF Treaty compliance information sharing.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1925, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1953

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1953, a bill to amend certain provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Inspector General Improvement Act of 2008, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to establish the American Infrastructure Fund, to provide bond guarantees and make loans to States, local governments, and infrastructure providers for investments in certain infrastructure projects, and to provide equity investments in such projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1972

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1972, a bill to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of an individual's status or history of unemployment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 333, a resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 340

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate

Resolution 340, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary measures should be taken to protect children in the United States from human trafficking, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are trafficked for sex.

SENATE RESOLUTION 341

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 341, a resolution observing the 100th birthday of civil rights leader Daisy Bates and honoring her legacy as an American heroine.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The committee will hold a hearing entitled "West Coast and Western Pacific Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to explore opportunities and challenges associated with lifting the ban on U.S. crude oil exports.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 30, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a joint hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: NRC's Implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendations and other Actions to Enhance and Maintain Nuclear Safety."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Section 123: Civilian Nuclear Cooperation Agreements."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Shutdown: Examining Federal Government Closure Impacts on the District of Columbia."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MCINTYRE of North Carolina and Mr. DELANEY of Maryland.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 342) designating February 3 through 7, 2014, as "National School Counseling Week", submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

Ordered, That Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions, during the recess or adjournment of the Senate, from today until Monday, February 3, 2014.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1977) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset, introduced today by Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 2642; and that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KING led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 3, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 30, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 30, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1950

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1977) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset, introduced on Thursday, January 30, 2014 by Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. COLLINS), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2642**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 30, 2014,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 30, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the pending conference report on bill H.R. 2642.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 30, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 72, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 20 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Baucus, Bennet, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (NM), Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Ayotte, Blumenthal, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Flake, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, Markey, McCain, Paul, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Warren.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

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

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

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

EC-4477. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automated Data Processing and Information Retrieval Systems Requirements: System Testing" (RIN0584-AD99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4478. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Compliance With Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE15), received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4479. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dinotefuran; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9402-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4480. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetochlor; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4481. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indaziflam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-88), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4482. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Conduct and Referral of Known Suspected Criminal Violations; Standards of Conduct" (RIN3052-AC44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4483. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4484. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of a completion date of April 2014 for a report relative to the Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4485. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Barriers to Nontraditional Suppliers to the Department of Defense"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4486. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and

Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions in the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4487. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Proposal Adequacy Checklist Revision" ((RIN0750-AI15)-(DFARS Case 2013-D033)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4488. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Limitation on Use of Cost-reimbursement Line Items" ((RIN0750-AI16)(DFARS Case 2013-D016)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4489. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4490. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4491. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report to Congress describing actions taken to support and preserve Minority Depository Institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4492. A communication from the Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Financial Research's annual report on activities of the office to date; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4493. A communication from the Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Financial Research's 2013 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4494. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4495. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4496. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4497. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Collateralized Debt Obligations Backed Primarily by Trust Preferred Securities with Regard to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Certain Interests In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN3235-AL52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4498. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4499. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN3064-AD90), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4500. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN7100-AD61 and FRB Docket No. R-1432), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4501. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4502. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting draft legislation entitled "Antarctic Environmental Liability Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4503. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Resource Protection Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4504. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, prospectuses that support the Administration's fiscal year 2014 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4505. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dispositioning Boiling Water Reactor Licensee Noncompliance with Technical Specification Containment Requirements During Operations with a Potential for Draining the Reactor Vessel" (EGM 11-003, Revision 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4506. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Generic Letter 2008-1, Managing Gas Accumulation" (NRC-2013-0173), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4507. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Cask System; Amendment No. 9" (RIN3150-AJ12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4508. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decommissioning Financial Assurance Instrument Security Program" (MD 8.12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4509. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Dispute Procedures" (FRL No. 9803-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4510. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Title V Operating Permit Program; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9905-21-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4511. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9905-62-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4512. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Consent Decree Requirements" (FRL No. 9905-54-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4513. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9905-63-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4514. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Modification of the Hazardous Waste Manifest System; Electronic Manifests" (FRL No. 9828-9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4515. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013 Revisions to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule and Final Confidentiality Determinations for New or Substantially Revised Data Elements" (FRL No. 9905-71-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4516. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Non-interference Demonstration for Removal of Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for the Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Area" (FRL No. 9905-70-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4517. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Annual Emissions Fee and Annual Emissions Inventory" (FRL No. 9905-66-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4518. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9904-02-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4519. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Implementation Plan; Alabama; Attainment Plan for the Troy Area 2008 Lead Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9904-91-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1980. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program and to promote quality care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1981. A bill to provide that the rules of the Federal Communications Commission relating to preserving the open Internet and broadband industry practices shall be restored to effect until the date when the Commission takes final action in the proceedings on such rules that were remanded to the Commission by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1982. A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 1983. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land

within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1984. A bill to enhance penalties for computer crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 1985. A bill to reauthorize and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides health services to veterans through qualifying non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1986. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for outreach, and coordination of services, to veterans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1184

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1184, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the Medicare and You Handbook and to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1236

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1236, a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1529

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their

superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1712

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1712, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1950, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1977

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE RESOLUTION 270

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 270, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

SENATE RESOLUTION 271

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 271, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that United States military assistance for Cambodia should be suspended until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the July 28, 2013, parliamentary elections, and election reforms are being

implemented by the Government of Cambodia.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 3 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Safeguarding Consumers' Financial Data."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 5:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1901. An act to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

H.R. 2860. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management may use amounts in the revolving fund of the Office to fund audits, investigations, and oversight activities, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT PRO tempore.

DROUGHT INFORMATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 376) to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Ms. WARREN for Mr. PRYOR to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 9, line 2, by striking "\$14,500,000," and inserting "\$12,000,000" (being amendment No. 2713).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO PROTECTING CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That, the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 340) expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary measures should be taken to protect children in the United States from human trafficking, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are trafficked for sex.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

OBSERVING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DAISY BATES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 341) observing the 100th birthday of civil rights leader Daisy Bates and honoring her legacy as an American heroine.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. WARREN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. SANDERS, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. WARREN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. WARREN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would

lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the pending conference report on bill H.R. 2642; and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

At 7:56 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1950

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to

improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. SANDERS, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2642**

Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 3, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:43 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

**CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 2642**

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on bill H.R. 2642.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending conference report.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 68, nays... 32

[Rollcall Vote No. 21 Leg.]

YEAS --- 68

Alexander, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 32

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blumenthal, Booker, Burr, Casey, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Flake, Gillibrand, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, Markey, McCain, Murkowski, Murphy, Paul, Reed, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Warren, Whitehouse.

So the conference report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote agreeing to the conference report.

On motion by Mr. COCHRAN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1950**

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1950.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID withdrew his pending motion.

**EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2635, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2634, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2633) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Finance.

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

Ordered. That the pending motion to commit be withdrawn (taking with it the

instructions designated amendment No. 2633, and amendments Numbered 2634 and 2635 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2632, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2631, proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. REED), to the bill.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that pending amendment No. 2631 be withdrawn.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay amendment No. 2631 on the table.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 22 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

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

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. REED to amend (perfect) the pending bill by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2714).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2715).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No. 2714; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on (perfecting) amendment No. 2714 to bill S. 1845:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, K.E. GILLIBRAND, S. WHITEHOUSE, BRIAN SCHATZ, BARBARA BOXER, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., TOM CARPER, ELIZABETH WARREN, PATTY MURRAY, MARK BEGICH, SHERROD BROWN, JEFFREY MERKLEY, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CHUCK SCHUMER, BILL NELSON, CHRIS COONS.

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2716).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2716) contained in the pending motion to commit, by striking "8 days," and inserting "9 days" (being amendment No. 2717).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "9 days," and inserting "10 days" (being amendment No. 2718).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1845:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, K.E. GILLIBRAND, S. WHITEHOUSE, BRIAN SCHATZ, BARBARA BOXER, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., TOM CARPER, ELIZABETH WARREN, PATTY MURRAY, MARK BEGICH, SHERROD BROWN, JEFFREY MERKLEY, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CHUCK SCHUMER, BILL NELSON, CHRIS COONS.

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

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived; and that tomorrow count as an intervening day, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2718 to amendment No. 2717 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2716) contained in the pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1963) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, February 4, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1901. A bill to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN OR IN RELATION TO COTE D'IVOIRE -- PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency, unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2014.

The situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire, which has been addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1572 of November 15, 2004, and subsequent resolutions, has resulted in the massacre of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and unrest, and fatal attacks against international peacekeeping forces.

Since the inauguration of President Alassane Ouattara in May 2011, the

Government of Cote d'Ivoire has made progress in advancing democratic freedoms and economic development. While the Government of Cote d'Ivoire and its people continue to make progress towards peace and prosperity, the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Cote d'Ivoire.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 4, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4520. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Satisfaction of Data Requirements; Procedures to Ensure Protection of Data Submitters' Rights" (FRL No. 9904-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4521. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9388-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4522. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "[alpha]-Alkyl-[omega]-Hydroxypoly (Oxypropylene) and/or Poly (Oxyethylene) Polymers Where the Alkyl Chain Contains a Minimum of Six Carbons etc.; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9394-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4523. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diflubenzuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4524. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Collateralized Debt Obligations Backed Primarily by Trust Preferred Securities With Regard to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Certain Interests In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN1557-AD79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4525. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN1557-AD44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4526. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions Effected by State Savings Associations and Other Amendments" (RIN3064-AE06), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4527. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Collateralized Debt Obligations Backed Primarily by Trust Preferred Securities With Regard to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Certain Interest In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN3064-AD05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4528. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN3064-AD85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4529. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection System Maintenance Reliability Standard" (RIN1902-AE74), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4530. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to Utah Rule R307-107; General Requirements; Breakdowns" (FRL No. 9902-49-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4531. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to Utah Administrative Code - Permit: New and Modified Sources" (FRL No. 9904-24-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4532. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9399-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4533. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Utah: Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Permitting Authority and Tailoring Rule" (FRL No. 9903-27-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4534. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Attainment Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington, Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware Nonattainment Area for the 1997

Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9905-88-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4535. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Approval of Texas Motor Vehicle Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9906-03-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4536. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 5000A Transition Relief for Individuals with Certain Government-Sponsored Limited-Benefit Health Coverage" (Notice 2014-10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4537. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deadline to Submit Opinion and Advisory Letter Applications for Pre-approved Defined Benefit Plans is Extended to February 2, 2015" (Announcement 2014-4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4538. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - February 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4539. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time under Section 301.9100-3 to Elect Portability of Deceased Spousal Unused Exclusion Amount" (Rev. Proc. 2014-18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4540. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determining the Amount of Taxes Paid for Purposes of the Foreign Tax Credit" ((RIN1545-BK41)(TD

9634)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4541. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Determining Stock Ownership" ((RIN1545-BL01)(TD 9654)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4542. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Material from Bulgaria" (RIN1515-AD95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4543. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4544. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0067); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4545. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-182); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4546. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-183); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4547. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Changes to Authorized Officials and the UK Defense Trade Treaty Exemption; Correction of Errors in Lebanon Policy and Violations; and Publishing Recent Changes to Parts 120, 127, and 128 in Final

Form" (RIN1400-AD49, 1400-AC37, and 1400-AC81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4548. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0011 - 2014-0013); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4549. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Performance Report to Congress for the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2012"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4550. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Performance Report to Congress for the Biosimilar User Fee Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4551. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4552. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report for fiscal year 2013 for the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4553. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report for fiscal year 2013 for the Generic Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4554. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report for fiscal year 2013 for the Animal Drug User Fee Act (ADUFA); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4555. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation Findings - Performance Improvement 2013-2014 Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4556. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans;

Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4557. A communication from the Program Manager, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program" (RIN0905-AA43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4558. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice for Medicated Feeds" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0002), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4559. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1687), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 16, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 270. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

S. Res. 333. A resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1987. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use

leases for certain buildings of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1988. A bill to allow States to waive regulations promulgated under the Clean Air Act relating to electric generating units under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1989. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1990. A bill to prohibit aliens who are not lawfully present in the United States from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits that are not available to all citizens and nationals of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1991. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for amounts contributed to disaster savings accounts to help defray the cost of preparing their homes to withstand a disaster and to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed in a disaster; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1992. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1993. A bill to protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 1994. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the availability of breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling under the TRICARE program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1995. A bill to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing

of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1996. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. Res. 343. A resolution establishing a Select Committee of the Senate to make a full and thorough investigation of the unauthorized disclosures of apparently classified information concerning the National Security Agency intelligence-collection programs, operations, and activities, including programs affecting Americans, to make findings based upon the investigation, and to make recommendations based on the investigation and findings; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Res. 344. A resolution congratulating the Penn State University women's volleyball team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Volleyball Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 411

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 127

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 723, a bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 888

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 888, a bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent,

or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1442

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

S. 1448

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1448, a bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1770

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1770, a bill to provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from New

Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1933

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1933, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1950, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1977

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 21, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and the Federal approvals required for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline are in the national interest of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 333, a resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Negotiations on Iran's Nuclear Program".

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 3 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Privacy in the Digital Age: Preventing Data Breaches and Combating Cybercrime."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND
CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Fraud and Abuse in Army Recruiting Contracts."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND
WILDLIFE

The Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate office building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Examination of the Safety and Security of Drinking Water Supplies Following the Central West Virginia Drinking Water Crisis."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 357. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, to make other improvements in the laws relating to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1791. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State

Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

At 5:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2642. An act to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 357. To amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, to make other improvements in the laws relating to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1791. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination;

that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

CONGRATULATING THE PENN
STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL TEAM

On the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 344) congratulating the Penn State University women's volleyball team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Volleyball Championship, submitted today by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1996) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. VITTER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. DONNELLY objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 6, 2014, AND FOR
PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014; that, on Thursday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following

leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1845; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2714.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to “file” first-degree amendments to bill S. 1845 until 9:45 a.m. on Thursday next; and that Senators be authorized to “file” second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2714, and to bill S. 1845 until 10:45 a.m. on Thursday next.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:58 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

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

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 6, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1963) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013.

The question being on agreeing to the bill.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1845

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

Ordered, That the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2714 to bill S. 1845, ordered to occur today at 11 a.m. (as pursuant to the order of February 4, 2014), instead occur on today at 2 p.m.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1996) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, introduced on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 by Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. VITTER), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014, as modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1845) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2718, proposed by Mr. REID,

to amendment No. 2717, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2716) contained in the pending motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate, between the two leaders or their designees; and that time during quorum calls therein be equally divided.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2714 to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 2 p.m. having arrived,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 58, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 23 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Ayotte, Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

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

Ordered, That the following two votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2718 to amendment No. 2717 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2716) contained in the pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1845.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 55, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 24 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Baldwin, Baucus, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2718 to amendment No. 2717 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2716) contained in the pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Max Baucus to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China; that time for debate be considered concluded; and that all other provisions of the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014 remain in effect.

Whereupon,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, February 4, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1845.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2718 to amendment No. 2717 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2716) contained in the pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

Mr. REID called for the regular order.

Whereupon,

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to bill S. 1963; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963:

HARRY REID, MARK PRYOR, MARK BEGICH, KAY D. HAGAN, JEANNE SHAHEEN, JACK REED, B. SCHATZ, CHRIS COONS, ANGUS S. KING, JR., BILL NELSON, DICK DURBIN, TIM KAINE, ROBERT P. CASEY, J.A. MERKLEY, DEBBIE STABENOW, BARBARA BOXER, K.E. GILLIBRAND.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the vote to the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 10, 2014.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4560. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitions initiated or conducted in fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4561. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012 (IPERIA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4562. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4563. A communication from the Acting Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Foundation's fiscal year 2013 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4564. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled, "Audit of the Office of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 2009," "Audit of the Office of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 2010," "Audit of the Office of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 2011," and "Audit of the Office of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4565. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad

Retirement Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013, including the Office of Inspector General's Auditor's Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4566. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-266, "Closing of a Portion of the Public Alley in Square 5452, S.O. 12-03541, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4567. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-267, "Microstamping Implementation Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4568. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-272, "Public Charter School Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4569. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-265, "Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4570. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4571. A communication from the Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Sunshine Act Report for 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4572. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad Retirement Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2013, including the Office of Inspector General's Auditor's Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4573. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4574. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4575. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Justice's activities regarding pre-1970 racially motivated homicides, as required by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4576. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Privacy Report for the period January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4577. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges and Transit: Conditions and Performance"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4578. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Administration Regulations: Editorial Clean-up of References to Foreign Trade Regulations" (RIN0694-AF97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4579. A communication from the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, transmitting draft legislation entitled "Antarctic Nongovernmental Activity Preparedness Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4580. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4581. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska;

Inseason Adjustment to the 2014 Gulf of Alaska Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XD058), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4582. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 99" (RIN0648-BC73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4583. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Operation of Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities in the U.S. Beaufort Sea" (RIN0648-AY63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4584. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2014 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts" (RIN0648-XD060), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4585. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" (RIN0648-XC811), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4586. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chelsea River, Boston Inner Harbor, Boston, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-1069)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 24, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4587. A communication from the Chair of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Panel's annual report for 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4588. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Adoption of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Section XII and the National Board Inspection Code" (RIN2137-AE58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4589. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ehrenberg, First Mesa, Kachina Village, Munds Park, Wickenburg, and Williams, Arizona)" (MB Docket No. 11-207), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4590. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Call Completion" ((RIN3060-AJ89)(FCC 13-135)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S. 1870, An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-137).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1997. A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1998. A bill to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 1999. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2000. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2001. A bill to require that textile and apparel articles acquired for use by executive agencies be manufactured from articles, materials, or supplies entirely grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2002. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a motor and motor-driven systems market assessment and public awareness program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2003. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit for certain property under construction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2004. A bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2005. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the reporting of certain hospital payment data under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2006. A bill to provide for the establishment of a National Rare Earth Refinery Cooperative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 345. A resolution strongly supporting the restoration and protection of State authority and flexibility in establishing and defining challenging student academic standards and assessments, and strongly denouncing the President's coercion of States into adopting the Common Core State Standards by conferring preferences in Federal grants and flexibility waivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 346. A resolution congratulating the athletes from the State of Washington and across the United States who are set to participate in the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 347. A resolution providing for completion of the accelerated transition of United States combat and military and security operations to the Government of Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 348. A resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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

S. Res. 349. A resolution celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 350. A resolution designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 351. A resolution requiring that legislation considered by the Senate be confined to a single issue; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 352. A resolution commemorating the success of Team USA in the past 22 Olympic Winter Games and supporting Team USA in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games; considered and agreed to

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 257

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.

S. 279

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 279, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 1061

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1061, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans

Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1507

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1587, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1645, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1702

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1702, a bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1737

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1826

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1826, a bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment.

S. 1845

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1845, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment

of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to establish a commission to examine the United States monetary policy, evaluate alternative monetary regimes, and recommend a course for monetary policy going forward.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1925, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders.

S. 1933

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1933, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1963, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1966, a bill to provide for the restoration of the economic and ecological health of National Forest System land and rural communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1979

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1979, a bill to provide for USA Retirement Funds, to reform the pension system, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1984

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1984, a bill to enhance penalties for computer crimes, and for other purposes.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for amounts contributed to disaster savings accounts to help defray the cost of preparing their homes to withstand a disaster and to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed in a disaster.

SENATE RESOLUTION 270

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 270, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 333, a resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 333, *supra*.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Financial Stability and Data Security."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the

session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Supporting Children and Families through Investments in High-Quality Early Education."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.,

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3590. An act to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3964. An act to address certain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF WORLD POLIO DAY

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 270) supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and

commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE EFFECT OF AMBUSH MARKETING ON THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC TEAMS

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 289) expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams and should be discouraged.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BENNET) to amend the pending resolution by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) of the resolving clause, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2729).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BENNET) to amend the preamble in various clauses by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2730).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

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

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BENNET), so as to read "A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams".

RECOMMENDING THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE RETURN OF THE IRAQI JEWISH ARCHIVE TO IRAQ

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 333) strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

SUPPORTING TEAM USA IN THE 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 352) commemorating the success of Team USA in the past 22 Olympic Winter Games and supporting Team USA in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3590) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3964) to address certain

water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider S. 1963.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:49 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 6, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 6, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3590) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, February 6, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3964) to address certain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, February 6, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1963) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 6, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 6, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 94, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 26 Leg.]

YEAS --- 94

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

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

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4591. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Chariton, IA" ((RIN2120-

AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0255)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4592. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gainesville, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0586)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4593. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Chatom, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1186)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4594. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Donlin Creek, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0786)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4595. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Danville, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0657)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4596. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sisseton, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0641)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4597. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Leesburg, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-

0033)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4598. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (8); Amdt. No. 3570" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4599. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (15); Amdt. No. 3569" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4600. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (39); Amdt. No. 3567" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4601. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (36); Amdt. No. 3568" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4602. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0704)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4603. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0724)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4604. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Maule Aerospace Technology, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0725)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4605. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS CASA (Type Certificate Previously Held by Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0688)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4606. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4607. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0661)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4608. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AgustaWestland S.p.A. (Type Certificate previously held by Agusta S.p.A.) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0604)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29,

2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4609. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0416)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4610. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0365)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4611. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0706)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4612. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0557)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4613. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0421)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4614. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0340)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29,

2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4615. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0603)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4616. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1030)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4617. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0304)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4618. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International S.A. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0407)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4619. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Aircraft Equipped with Wing Lift Struts" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0023)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4620. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2009-0811)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4621. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4622. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0879)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4623. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0370)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4624. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Loup City, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-6070)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4625. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0636)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4626. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CENTRAIR Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0018)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4627. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0634)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4628. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0095)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4629. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4630. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher, Segelflugzeugbau Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-4-0019)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4631. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0575)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4632. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0635)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-195. A resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover, New Jersey urging Congress to dedicate additional federal funds for highway maintenance and infrastructure improvements in New Jersey; to the Committee on Appropriations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2007. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for regulating clinical and health software, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2008. A bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2009. A bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2010. A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER) (by request):

S.J. Res. 31. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office in the United States Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1352

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1352, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1761

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1761, a bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to

award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1943

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1943, a bill to incentivize State support for postsecondary education and to promote increased access and affordability for higher education for students, including Dreamer students.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1963, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013.

S. 1972

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1972, a bill to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of an individual's status or history of unemployment.

S. 1977

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1977, a bill to

repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1978

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1978, a bill to increase access to primary care services through training and accountability improvements.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1987

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1987, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for certain buildings of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, California, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2954. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 2954. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESIGNATION OF MR. BAUCUS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the following communication, which was deemed read, by unanimous consent, and placed on file:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, February 6, 2014.

Governor STEVE BULLOCK,

Montana State Capitol,
Helena, MT.

DEAR GOVERNOR BULLOCK: In order to assume the responsibility of serving as the United States Ambassador to China, I write to resign my seat in the United States Senate effective upon my appointment as Ambassador. Representing the people of Montana for 40 years has been the honor of a lifetime. I am grateful for the trust Montanans have bestowed on me and the opportunity to contribute to our great state and nation.

Respectfully,

MAX BAUCUS.

February 7, 2014.

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,
President of the Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN: In accordance with my letter of February 6, 2014 to Governor Bullock, this is to clarify that my resignation as United States Senator became effective at the close of business on February 6, 2014.

Sincerely,

MAX BAUCUS.

EXTENDING CERTAIN OUTPATIENT THERAPEUTIC SERVICES SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1954) to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAYO CLINIC

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 339) commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mayo Clinic.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

ORDER FOR THE READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 24, 2014, following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified today, had appointed Mr. KING to read George Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 24, 2014.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment and recess count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:38 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Mr. RICHARD J. DURBIN, from the State of Illinois, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. DURBIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 11, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD J. DURBIN, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. DURBIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1963) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CREDENTIALS OF SENATOR-DESIGNATE FROM MONTANA

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of John E. Walsh, appointed

by the Governor of the State of Montana on Sunday, February 9, 2014 to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the time until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of Max Sieben Baucus, is filled by election as provided by law, which was read and ordered placed on file:

STATE OF MONTANA
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Montana, I, Steve Bullock, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint John E. Walsh a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of Max Sieben Baucus, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His Excellency our governor Steve Bullock, and our seal hereto affixed at Helena, Montana this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the governor:
STEVE BULLOCK,
Governor.
LINDA MCCULLOCH,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

Mr. Walsh appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:33 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 4:30 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights), Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs), and Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning); that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1963

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1963.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 4:30 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, The Senate proceed to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4633. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4634. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Keith B. Alexander, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4635. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Kenya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4636. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Canada; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4637. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) program for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4638. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Technical Collection for the New START Treaty (OSS-2013-0151); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4639. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0160); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4640. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale

might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0159); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4641. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0134); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4642. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0137); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4643. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0136); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4644. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the waiver of the restrictions contained in Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act of 1992; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4645. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-176); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4646. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-187); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4647. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-179); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4648. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-186); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4649. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures" (RIN2125-AF48), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4650. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures" (RIN2132-AB05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4651. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patterns of Safety Violations by Motor Carrier Management" (RIN2126-AB42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4652. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (32); Amdt. No. 3571" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4653. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (48); Amdt. No. 3572" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4654. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amdt. No. 511" (RIN2120-

AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4655. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment and Modification of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0860)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4656. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Dallas/Fort Worth Class B Airspace Area; TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1168)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4657. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class B Airspace; Detroit, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0661)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4658. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Areas; Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1021)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. RISCH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KIRK, Mr.

CHAMBLISS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2011. A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2012. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for clarification regarding the children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2015. A bill to help individuals receiving assistance under means-tested welfare programs obtain self-sufficiency, to provide information on total spending on means-tested welfare programs, to provide an overall spending limit on means-tested welfare programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2016. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California due to drought, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. Res. 353. A resolution designating September 2014 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURR, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 354. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should leave no member of the Armed Forces unaccounted for during the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 511

At the request of Mr. RISCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1446

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the affordability of the health care tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN]

were added as cosponsors of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1911

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013.

S. 1977

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 345

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 345, a resolution strongly supporting the restoration and protection of State authority and flexibility in establishing and defining challenging student academic standards and assessments, and strongly denouncing the President's coercion of States into adopting

the Common Core State Standards by conferring preferences in Federal grants and flexibility waivers.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Prospects for Democratic Reconciliation and Workers' Rights in Bangladesh."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2014, at 9 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 11, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2431. An act to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2431. An act to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TOMORROW

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS AMENDMENTS ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1068) to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) in title IV, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2740).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION
BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) announced that the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, pursuant to Title 46 App., Section 1295 b(h), of the U.S. Code, had appointed the following to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. BOOZMAN and Mr. WICKER.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE U.S. AIR
FORCE ACADEMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), had appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Mr. MORAN and Mr. HOEVEN.

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m.; that Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate, between two leaders or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:45 p.m.,

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 12, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4659. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Importation of Live Birds and Poultry, Poultry Meat, and Poultry Products From a Region in the European Union; Technical Amendment" ((RIN0579-AD45)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0094)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4660. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9905-56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4661. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "D-mannose; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9905-44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4662. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiram; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4663. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Linuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9905-22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4664. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis Cry1F Protein in Soybean; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9905-59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4665. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpropidin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9904-31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4666. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense

(Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General William M. Fraser III, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4667. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Robert W. Cone, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4668. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4669. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) for sporting events during calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4670. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4671. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4672. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4673. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4674. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Exemptions for Security-Based Swaps" (RIN3235-AL17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4675. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4676. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4677. A communication from the Administrative Specialist, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Definitive United States Savings Bonds, Series EE and HH; Regulations Governing Definitive United States Savings Bonds, Series I; Regulations Governing Securities Held in TreasuryDirect" (31 CFR Parts 353, 360, and 363), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4678. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Compliance Date for the Dehumidifier Test Procedure" (RIN1904-AD06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4679. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for External Power Supplies" (RIN1904-AD06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4680. A communication from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the

Interior transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to ONRR's Service of Official Correspondence" (RIN1012-AA14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4681. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonroad Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 9905-35-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4682. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Allen, Greene, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Vigo Counties; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9906-50-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4683. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Construction Permit Program Fee Increases; Construction Permit Regulation of PM 2.5; Regulation 3" (FRL No. 9903-94-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4684. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP); Standard Permit for Oil and Gas Facilities and Standard Permit Applicability" (FRL No. 9906-60-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4685. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plans Required for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 9906-80-OAR), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4686. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; State of Colorado Second Ten-Year PM 10 Maintenance Plan for Telluride" (FRL No. 9906-35-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4687. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9903-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4688. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Test Methods and Testing Regulations" (FRL No. 9906-23-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4689. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Product Policy Statement; Revision" (NRC-2010-0292), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4690. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Introduction - Part 2, Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: Light-Water Small Modular Reactor Edition" (NUREG-0800), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4691. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maximum Civil Money Penalty Amounts; Civil Money Penalty Complaints" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0113), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014;

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4692. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4693. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Community Services Block Grant (CCSBG) Program Report for Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4694. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) annual report on Drug Shortages for Calendar Year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4695. A communication from the Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4696. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on National HIV Testing Goals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4697. A communication from the Chair, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluating Job Applicants: The Role of Training and Experience in Hiring"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4698. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-273, "Omnibus Health Regulation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4699. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-188); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4700. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Arms, Ammunition and Implements of War and Machine Guns, Destructive Devices, and

Certain Other Firearms; Extending the Term of Import Permits" (RIN1140-AA42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4701. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Four Synthetic Cannabinoids Into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-385), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4702. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4703. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2012 Impact and Effectiveness of Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Projects: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4704. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) three reports relative to a vacancy in the Small Business Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4705. A communication from the Executive Secretary, Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 Report of the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund (MERHCF); to the Committee on Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S. 2017. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2018. A bill to provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 2019. A bill to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2020. A bill to set forth the process for Puerto Rico to be admitted as a State of the Union; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2021. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2022. A bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2023. A bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2024. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; read the first time.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2025. A bill to require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of collected personal information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2026. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2027. A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2028. A bill to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2029. A bill to use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2030. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 2031. A bill to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2032. A bill to require mobile service providers and mobile device manufacturers to give consumers the ability to remotely delete data from mobile devices and render such devices inoperable; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2033. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 355. A resolution calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to cease the extra-judicial release of Afghan detainees, carry out its commitments pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding governing the transfer of

Afghan detainees from the United States custody to Afghan control and to uphold the Afghan Rule of Law with respect to the referral and disposition of detainees; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 356. A resolution designating February 13, 2014, as "\$2.13 Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 357. A resolution expressing concern of undemocratic governance and the abuse of the rights of individuals in Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 358. A resolution commending the Seattle Seahawks for winning Super Bowl XLVIII and the 12th Man for their critical support; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 359. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to

amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1022, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1599

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1599, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending

Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1977

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to provide that the rules of the Federal Communications Commission relating to preserving the open Internet and broadband industry practices shall be restored to effect until the date when the Commission takes final action in the proceedings on such rules that were remanded to the Commission by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

S. 1999

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1999, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2009

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2009, a bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2011

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2011, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 20, a joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 350

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 350, a resolution designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014 at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "MAP-21 Reauthorization: The Economic Importance of Maintaining Federal Investments in our Transportation Infrastructure."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Fisheries Treaties and Port State Measures Agreements."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Extreme Weather Events: The Costs of Not Being Prepared."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Indian Law and Order Commission Report: "A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Report of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board on Reforms to the Section 215 Telephone Records Program and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Bipartisan Support for Improving U.S. Elections: An Overview from the Presidential Commission on Election Administration."

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

The Subcommittee on Energy of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING AND THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Special Committee on Aging and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet for a joint hearing during the session of the Senate on February 12, 2014, to conduct a hearing entitled "In Search of a Second Act: The Challenges and Advantages of Senior Entrepreneurship," in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 10 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 10:17 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 25. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

S. 540. An act to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

The message further announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 29. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

H. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 25.

H. Con. Res. 82. Concurrent resolution providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 540.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3448. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for an optional pilot program allowing certain emerging growth companies to increase the tick sizes of their stocks.

H.R. 3578. An act to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 3448. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for an optional pilot program allowing certain emerging growth companies to increase the tick sizes of their stocks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 25

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the official papers not yet having been received from the House of Representatives, it be in order for the majority leader, or a designee, to move to

concur in the House amendment to the bill (S. 25) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes, at 1:30 p.m. on today; that, if said message from the House is received prior to then, the Chair lay before the Senate said message; that, at 1:30 p.m., the majority leader be recognized to move to concur in the House amendment; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to concur; and that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO BILLS S. 540 AND S. 25

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

Ordered, That, following the votes ordered to occur at 11:30 a.m. on today, when the Senate resumes its legislative session, notwithstanding the order of today, the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 1:45 p.m., the Chair lay before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 540) to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center"; that the majority leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to concur in the House amendment to the bill; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur is presented, the Senate then vote on agreeing to said motion to bring to a close debate; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said motion, the Chair lay before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to bill S. 25; that, notwithstanding the order of today, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on a motion to concur in the House amendment; that remaining provisions of the order of today relative thereto remain in effect; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to concur.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to

concur in the House amendment to bill S. 540 is not agreed to, the Chair lay before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to bill S. 25; that, notwithstanding the order of today, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on a motion to concur in the House amendment; that remaining provisions of the order of today relative thereto remain in effect; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to concur in the House amendment to bill S. 25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. PRYOR asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas and James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

After debate, Mr. GRASSLEY objected.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the House message on bill S. 25, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Kevin W. Techau, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, Andrew Mark Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Robert L. Hobbs, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, Gary Blankinship, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, Amos Rojas, Jr.,

of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, Peter C. Tobin, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative of the United States to the European Union, and Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Portuguese Republic; that the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 540

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 540) to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to bill S. 540.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to bill S. 540:

HARRY REID, ROBERT MENENDEZ, BEN CARDIN, TOM HARKIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, CHRIS MURPHY, PATTY MURRAY, JON TESTER, DICK DURBIN, BARBARA BOXER, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CLAIRE McCASKILL, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, S. WHITEHOUSE, JACK REED, DEBBIE STABENOW, ELIZABETH WARREN.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Whereupon,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on the

motion to concur in the amendment of the House to bill S. 540.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 33 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Alexander, Ayotte, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Lee, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was considered concluded.

Time for debate on the motion to concur, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate being considered concluded,

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 55, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 34 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen,

Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 25

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 25) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 35 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

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

NAYS --- 3

Carper, Coats, Flake.

So the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BILL RETURNED TO CALENDAR

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

Ordered, That the bill (S. 1963) to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, be returned to the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO

CONSIDER BILL S. 1982

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that any related statements be printed in the Record; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1982

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982:

HARRY REID, BERNARD SANDERS, TOM HARKIN, BRIAN SCHATZ, MARY LANDRIEU, JACK REED, JEANNE SHAHEEN, TIM KAINE, CHRIS COONS, PAT LEAHY, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., JOE DONNELLY, JON TESTER, BARBARA BOXER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, SHERROD BROWN, B.A. MIKULSKI.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL AMENDMENTS ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1254) to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON) to amend the pending bill on page 2, line 25, after "Centers for Disease Control," by

adding certain words (being amendment No. 2741).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL S. 25

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 81) providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 25, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL S. 540

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 82) providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 540, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY FOR COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE"

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

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 350) designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BOOKER) to amend the pending resolution on page 2,

beginning on line 9 through line 2 on page 3, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2742).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BOOKER) to amend the preamble by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2743).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

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

COMMENDING THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLVIII

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 358) commending the Seattle Seahawks for winning Super Bowl XLVIII and the 12th Man for their critical support, submitted today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

CONSTITUTING MAJORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE 113TH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 359) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2024) to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LEE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFEREE TO CONFERENCE RELATIVE TO BILL H.R. 3080

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

Ordered, That Mr. SANDERS be appointed as conferee on the part of the Senate to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

Ordered, That Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. LEVIN be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions during the recess or adjournment of the Senate, from Thursday, February 13, 2014, through Monday, February 24, 2014.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the PRESIDENT of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to Public Law 113-76, the majority leader had appointed the following to be members of the National Commission on Hunger: Ricki Barlow, of Nevada, Cherie Jamason, of Nevada, and Dr. Mariana Chilton, of Pennsylvania.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; and that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, February 24, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, Mr. KING be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell address; that, upon conclusion of the reading, the majority leader be recognized; and that the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey Alker Meyer to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut; and that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote to bring to a close debate on said nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

At 10:30:27 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014, until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2014.

READING OF WASHINGTON'S
FAREWELL ADDRESS

Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 10, 2014,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that, pursuant to the order of January 24, 1901, as modified on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, Washington's Farewell Address would be read by the Senator heretofore designated for that purpose;

Whereupon,

The address was read by Mr. KING, from the State of Maine.

Upon conclusion of the address,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 10:30:02 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 14, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

At 10:30:34 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014, until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 10:30:18 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 21, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1982

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 10:30:01 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 18, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

At 10:30:50 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2024) to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, introduced on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LEE), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 14, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 25. An act to ensure that the reduced annual cost-of-living adjustment to the retired pay of members and former members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 required by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 will not apply to members or former members who first became members prior to January 1, 2014, and for other purposes.

S. 540. An act to temporarily extend the public debt limit, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 29. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The enrolled bills and joint resolutions were signed on February 14, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED
DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on February 14, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 25. An act to ensure that the reduced annual cost-of-living adjustment to the retired pay of members and former members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 required by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 will not apply to members or former members who first became members prior to January 1, 2014, and for other purposes.

S. 540. An act to temporarily extend the public debt limit, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 29. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 2034. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2035. A bill to provide funding to the National Institute of Mental Health to support suicide prevention and brain research, including funding for the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2036. A bill to protect all school children against harmful and life-threatening seclusion and restraint practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHANNIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2037. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 360. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Onstad; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 361. A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a

responsible international stakeholder; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 361

At the request of Ms. WARREN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 361, a bill to require the lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 506

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to

amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 644

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1135

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, supra.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older

Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1596

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1596, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 1597

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1597, a bill to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1599

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1599, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1648

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1648, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Memorial Day.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to improve the quality of life for current and former Coast Guard personnel and their families, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1802, a bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.

S. 1817

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1817, a bill to require the Secretary to implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in facilities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes.

S. 1821

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1821, a bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, supra.

S. 1946

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1946, a bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to establish the American Infrastructure Fund, to provide bond guarantees and make loans to States, local governments, and infrastructure providers for investments in certain infrastructure projects, and to provide equity investments in such projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1977

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2021

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2024, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 2026

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2026, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was

added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, a concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1752) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate is presented on the bill, there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, and their designees, on said bill and the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that no amendment, point of order, or motion be in order to the bill prior to the vote; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1752 is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that, upon disposition of bill S. 1752, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1917; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate is presented on the bill, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to that motion; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that no amendment, point of order, or motion be in order to the bill prior to the vote; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1917 is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar.

After debate,

Mr. MORAN objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 360) to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Onstad*, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:05 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, at 11:05 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, as pursuant to the order of today; that the time until 11:15 a.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate thereon; and that, upon disposition of the nomination of Beth Labson Freeman, as pursuant to the order of today,

the Senate resume its legislative session, and recess until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 2:15 p.m. on tomorrow, there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, by Mr. REID on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1982

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, when the Senate resumes executive session at 11:05 a.m. on today,

there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, between votes.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1982

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, at 2:15 p.m. on today, there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on the motion, made by Mr. REID on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO CUBA AND OF THE EMERGENCY AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF VESSELS -- PM 30

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency declared on March 1, 1996, with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, as amended and expanded on February 26, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2014.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 25, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4706. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 18a" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4707. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Tanner Crab Area Closure in the Gulf of Alaska and Gear Modification Requirements for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea Groundfish Fisheries" (RIN0648-BB76), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4708. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2014 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-XC954), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4709. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to accomplishments made under the Airport Improvement Program for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4710. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Reporting Requirements Under Section 8 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 19(a)(5)" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4711. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4712. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XC772), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4713. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma" (MB Docket No. 13-302, DA 14-130), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4714. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Birmingham, Alabama" (MB Docket No. 13-261, DA 14-131), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4715. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to all complaints received by air carriers alleging discrimination on the basis of disability; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4716. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Collateralized Debt Obligations Backed Primarily by Trust Preferred Securities With Regard to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds" (RIN3038-AE13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4717. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4718. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4719. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4720. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4721. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4722. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Angola; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4723. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4724. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4725. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4726. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Libya declared in Executive Order 13566; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4727. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anti-Money Laundering Program and Suspicious Activity Report Filing Requirements for Housing Sponsored Enterprises" (RIN1506-AB14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4728. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and in All Counties in Oregon, Except Malheur County; Termination of Marketing Order No. 947" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0036; FV13-947-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4729. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0076; FV13-966-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4730. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate for Area No. 2" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0072; FV13-948-2 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4731. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paper and Paper-Based Packaging Promotion, Research and

Information Order" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0069 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4732. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington and Imported Potatoes; Modification of the Handling Regulations, Reporting Requirements, and Import Regulations for Red Types of Potatoes" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0068; FV13-946-3 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4733. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate for Area No. 2" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0072; FV13-13-948-2 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4734. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Changes to the Membership of the Softwood Lumber Board" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0038), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4735. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Futures Classification: Optional Classification Procedure" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0043), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4736. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0074; FV13-905-3 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4737. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "GS-omega/kappa-Htx-Hv1a; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9904-92), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4738. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "N-(n-octyl)-2-pyrrolidone; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9906-17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4739. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alkyl Alcohol Alkoxyate Phosphate and Sulfate Derivatives; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9906-24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4740. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Saflufenacil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9905-87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4741. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Metal Halide Lamp Fixtures" (RIN1904-AC00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1086. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant

Act of 1990, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-138).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2038. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2039. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that ITIN applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2040. A bill to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2041. A bill to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, whether committed by officials of the Government of Syria, or members of other groups involved in civil war in Syria, and calling on the President to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to immediately promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes.

S. 161

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 161, a bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 1397

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1404, a bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless the authority provided by the Constitution of the United States for the legislation can be determined and is clearly specified.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts

under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1458

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1458, a bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1591

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United

States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1999

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1999, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2021

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

S. 2036

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2036, a bill to protect all school children against harmful and life-threatening seclusion and restraint practices.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr.

MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or to any similar agreement on the arms trade.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 355

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 355, a resolution calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to cease the extra-judicial release of Afghan detainees, carry out its commitments pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding governing the transfer of Afghan detainees from the United States custody to Afghan control and to uphold the Afghan Rule of Law with respect to the referral and disposition of detainees.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing Tria: The State of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Market, Part II."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Mental Health: Treatment Options and Trends."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 2 p.m., to conduct a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans. The Committee will meet in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reassessing Solitary Confinement II: The Human Rights, Fiscal, and Public Safety Consequences."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Lebanon at the Crossroads."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2014, at 2 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing, entitled, "Natural Resource Adaptation: Protecting ecosystems and economies."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving five rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1982

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

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, as modified, the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982, occur at 3:30 p.m. on today; and that the time from 2:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., be equally divided and controlled for debate between the

two leaders, or their designees, on said motion.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

At 12:59 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1982

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 99, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 44 Leg.]

YEAS --- 99

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO),

Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

NATIONAL INTEGRATED DROUGHT INFORMATION SYSTEM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2431) to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of two hours for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1982; and that the time during morning business and adjournment be counted against the time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:34 p.m.,

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 26, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period of two hours for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

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

EC-4742. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense report on the joint strategy for readiness and training in a Command,

Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR)-denied environment (OSS No. 2014-0234); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4743. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4744. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4745. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retrospective Analysis under Executive Order 13579" (NRC-2011-0246), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4746. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Revision of Language for Approval of Nontoxic Shot for Use in Waterfowl Hunting" (RIN1018-AY59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4747. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for *Eriogonum codium* (Umtanum Desert Buckwheat) and *Physaria douglasii* subsp. *tuplashensis* (White Bluffs Bladderpod) and Designation of Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-AX72; 1018-AZ54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4748. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Chromolaena frustata* (Cape Sable Thoroughwort)" (RIN1018-AZ51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4749. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; *Arctostaphylos franciscana* (Franciscan Manzanita)" (RIN1018-AY63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4750. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Transportation Conformity and General Conformity Requirements for Bernalillo County" (FRL No. 9906-65-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4751. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Oklahoma; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Affecting Visibility; State Implementation Plan Revisions; Revised BART Determination for American Electric Power/Public Service Company of Oklahoma Northeastern Power Station Units 3 and 4" (FRL No. 9906-93-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4752. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Oklahoma; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Affecting Visibility State Implementation Plan Revisions; Withdrawal of Federal Implementation Plan for American Electric Power/Public Service Company of Oklahoma" (FRL No. 9906-81-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4753. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review; Fine Particulate Matter (PM 2.5)" (FRL No. 9906-

67-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4754. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period Limitation and Technical Amendments to Certain Health Coverage Requirements Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN0938-AR77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4755. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period Limitation and Technical Amendments to Certain Health Coverage Requirements Under the Affordable Care Act" ((RIN1545-BL50)(TD 9656)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4756. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - March 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4757. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amount of the Life Insurance Reserves Taken into Account Under Section 807 of the IRC for Variable Contracts" (Rev. Rul. 2014-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4758. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor for Disregarded Entities Under Section 108" (Rev. Proc. 2014-20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4759. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4760. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal-State Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program; Data Exchange Standardization as Required by Section 2104 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012" (RIN1205-AB64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4761. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Dates for Several Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AH61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4762. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address for Requests: Testimony by Employees and the Production of Records and Information in Legal Proceedings, Claims Against the Government Under the Federal Tort Claims Act of 1948, and Claims under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claim Act of 1964" (RIN0960-AH65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4763. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4764. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-003); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4765. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-171); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4766. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Waiver by Joint Action of Visa and Passport Requirements for Members of Armed Forces and Coast Guards of Foreign Countries" (RIN1400-

AD51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4767. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, As Amended; TN Visas from NAFTA Countries" (RIN1400-AD29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 5, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4768. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4769. A communication from the Vice President, Office of External Affairs, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, the report of final rules revising and updating the Agency's Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, and Touhy regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4770. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practices, Quality Control Procedures, Quality Factors, Notification Requirements, and Records and Reports, for Infant Formula; Correction" ((RIN0910-AF27)(Docket No. FDA-1995-N-0063)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4771. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reports of Corrections and Removals; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4772. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Detention; Corrections" (Docket No. FDA-1997-N-0222), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4773. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Device Reporting: Electronic Submission Requirements" ((RIN0910-AF86)(Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0393)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4774. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practices, Quality Control Procedures, Quality Factors, Notification Requirements, and Records and Reports, for Infant Formula; Final Rule" ((RIN0910-AF27)(Docket No. FDA-1995-N-0036)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4775. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "World Trade Center Health Program: Amendments to List of WTC-Related Health Conditions; Cancer; Revision" (RIN0920-AA50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4776. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4777. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4778. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) for Fiscal Year 2012"; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-196. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Iowa requesting the United States Congress to immediately enact a new federal food, farm, and jobs bill; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

Whereas, the United States Congress regularly establishes agricultural and food policy in an omnibus farm bill in a bipartisan spirit of cooperation, exemplified by the federal Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-246 which originally was to expire in 2012, but was extended by the 112th Congress in the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-240; and

Whereas, a new food, farm, and jobs bill is critical to maintaining a strong agricultural economy and an abundant food supply that benefits all Americans, including by providing programs relating to farm commodity support, horticulture, livestock, conservation, nutrition assistance, trade, and international food aid, agricultural research, farm credit, rural development, bioenergy, forestry, and innovative strategies to revitalize this nation's rural economy by creating jobs in small towns and rural communities; and

Whereas, in Iowa, agricultural producers have faced a multitude of disasters, including drought, flood, and blizzard conditions which have been alleviated by disaster assistance under farm bill programs; and

Whereas, during 2013, the United States Senate and House of Representatives have been engaged in prolonged negotiations to enact a new food, farm, and jobs bill that is now in conference committee which is considering differences between the Senate version, titled the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 (S. 954), and the House version, titled the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2013 (H.R. 2642); and

Whereas, without the passage of a new food, farm, and jobs bill the United States will be subject to previously enacted permanent law, including commodity price support statutes effective in 1949; and

Whereas, the prolonged delay in passing a new food, farm, and jobs bill has created uncertainty for agricultural producers and will negatively impact the nation's overseas trade; and

Whereas, without the immediate passage of a new food, farm, and jobs bill consumers will increasingly suffer economic consequences: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That with the reconvening of the United States Congress after its holiday recess, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate should enact a new food, farm, and jobs bill with all possible speed but no later than January 31, 2014; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the United States Senate, and the Honorable Frank Lucas, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to each member of the Iowa congressional delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

POM-197. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the Congress of the United States to propose a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution and applying to the Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

The General Assembly of the State of Ohio urges the Congress of the United States to propose a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution and hereby applies to the Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate Fiscal restraints; and

It is the intention of the General Assembly that matters shall not be considered at the convention that do not pertain to an amendment requiring that, in the absence of a

national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, The Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Congress, and copies to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives from the State of Ohio; also to transmit copies of this application to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses of the several states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, This application is to be considered as covering the balanced budget amendment language of the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas. This application shall be aggregated with those other applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and be it further

Resolved, If the convention called by the Congress is not limited to considering a balanced budget amendment, then any delegates, representatives, or participants from the State of Ohio asked to participate in the convention are authorized to debate and vote only on a proposed amendment or amendments to the United States Constitution requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject or the Congress has proposed an amendment to the United States Constitution equivalent to the amendment proposed in this resolution. This application supersedes all previous applications by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio on the same subject.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2042. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 2043. A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 2044. A bill to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2045. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to secure the rights of visual artists to copyright, to provide for resale royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2046. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries coordinated care and greater choice with regard to accessing hearing health services and benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2047. A bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2048. A bill to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2049. A bill to curb unfair and deceptive practices during assertion of patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 362. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Career and Technical Education Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KAINE, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. COBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. Res. 363. A resolution celebrating Black History Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 810

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 810, a bill to require a pilot program on an online computerized assessment to enhance detection of behaviors indicating a risk of suicide and other mental health conditions in members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 919

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 1280

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1280, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture

enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by

reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, supra.

S. 2000

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2000, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes.

S. 2012

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2012, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2024, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 2036

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2036, a bill to protect all school children against harmful and life-threatening seclusion and restraint practices.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, whether committed by officials of the Government of Syria, or members of other groups involved in civil war in Syria, and calling on the President to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to immediately promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 203, a resolution expressing the

sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on treaties.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Prospects for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Great Lakes Region."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room S-216 of the Capitol Building.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Early Childhood Development and Education in Indian Country: Building a Foundation for Academic Success."

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Offshore Tax Evasion: The Effort to Collect Unpaid Taxes on Billions in Hidden Offshore Accounts."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "An Examination of Competition in the Wireless Market."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on

Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Retirement Savings for Low-Income Workers."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 26, 2014, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1123. An act to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1211. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for greater public access to information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1232. An act to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management.

H.R. 1423. An act to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2530. An act to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service.

H.R. 2531. An act to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1123. An act to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1211. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for greater public access to information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1232. An act to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1982

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

COMPREHENSIVE VETERANS HEALTH AND BENEFITS AND MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY RESTORATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. SANDERS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2747, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2766).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending amendment No.

2747 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2747 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 1982:

HARRY REID, BERNARD SANDERS, ELIZABETH WARREN, PATTY MURRAY, MICHAEL F. BENNET, MARK BEGICH, DEBBIE STABENOW, CHUCK SCHUMER, EDWARD J. MARKEY, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, RON WYDEN, MARIA CANTWELL, HEIDI HEITKAMP, CHRIS MURPHY, CHRIS COONS, MAZIE K. HIRONO, TAMMY BALDWIN.

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Veterans Affairs with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2767).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2767) contained in the pending motion to commit by striking "3 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "4 days" (being amendment No. 2768).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4 days" and inserting in lieu thereof "5 days" (being amendment No. 2769).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate bill S. 1982:

HARRY REID, BERNARD SANDERS, ELIZABETH WARREN, PATTY MURRAY, MICHAEL F. BENNET, MARK BEGICH, DEBBIE STABENOW, CHUCK SCHUMER, EDWARD J. MARKEY, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, RON WYDEN, MARIA CANTWELL, HEIDI HEITKAMP, CHRIS MURPHY, CHRIS COONS, MAZIE K. HIRONO, TAMMY BALDWIN.

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

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2769 to amendment No. 2768 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2767) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1982 ON TOMORROW

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

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, during consideration of bill S. 1982, but before 2 p.m., Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, be recognized to raise a Budget Act point of order against the bill; that, if such point of order is raised, it be in order for Mrs. MURRAY, or her designee, to move to waive; that, if such motion is made, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion at 2 p.m. on tomorrow; that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2747; that, if said motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that amendment No. 2766 be withdrawn; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to amendment No. 2747.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to close debate on the bill, as may be amended; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to waive is not agreed to, the motions to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2747, and on the bill, be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; and that Senators be authorized to "file" second-degree amendments to amendment No. 2747 until 1:30 p.m. on tomorrow.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1752

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

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1752) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses

under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate is presented on the bill, there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, and their designees, on said bill and on the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that no amendment, point of order, or motion be in order to the bill prior to the vote; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1752 is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of bill S. 1752, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1917; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate is presented on the bill, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that no amendment, point of order, or motion be in order to the bill prior to the vote; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1917 is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 363) celebrating Black History Month, submitted today by Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KAINÉ, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. COBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MARK UDALL), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

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

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

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

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1982; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Mr. SESSIONS control 30 minutes of the time of the minority; and that Mr. GRAHAM, or his designee, be recognized to speak at 1:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:57 p.m.,

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

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

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, February 27, 2014.

To the Senate:

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

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 2050. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the national limitation amount for qualified highway or surface freight transfer facility bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2051. A bill to provide States with greater flexibility in innovative highway financing; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2052. A bill to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2053. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action on the Capitol Grounds; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2054. A bill to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2055. A bill to allow for the collection of certain user fees by non-Federal entities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2056. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2057. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2058. A bill to establish a loan guarantee program for natural gas distribution grids to be installed in areas with extremely high energy costs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2059. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the purchase of heating and cooling equipment which meets the Energy Star program requirements and is used in certain high-cost energy communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2060. A bill to direct the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board to develop accessibility guidelines for electronic instructional materials and related information technologies in institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. BEGICH):

S.2061. A bill to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.2062. A bill to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law; read the first time.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S.2063. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S.2064. A bill to provide for the repeal of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that have the effect of rationing health care; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S.2065. A bill to create incentives for the development of alternative fuel vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S.2066. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service; read the first time.

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

S.2067. A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities; read the first time.

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

S.2068. A bill to provide for the development and use of technology for personalized handguns, to require that, within 3 years, all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the United States incorporate such technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WALSH, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S.2069. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S.2070. A bill to reduce the number of nuclear-armed submarines operated by the Navy, to prohibit the development of a new long-range penetrating bomber aircraft, to prohibit the procurement of new intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S.2071. A bill to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S.2072. A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S.2073. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S.2074. A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 364. A resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 365. A resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr.

JOHANNIS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 366. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 367. A resolution designating March 3, 2014, as "Read Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 368. A resolution designating February 28, 2014, as "Rare Disease Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 135

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, supra.

S. 1008

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1008, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device.

S. 1086

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1269

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes.

S. 1322

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1322, a bill to amend the Controlled

Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1657

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1657, a bill to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1794

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1794, a bill to designate certain Federal land in Chaffee County, Colorado, as a national monument and as wilderness.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in

recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 1980

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1980, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program and to promote quality care.

S. 2026

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2026, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled

“The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.”

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “North Pacific Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization.”

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 11:15 a.m., to hold a hearing on international parental child abduction.”

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on February 27, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Promoting College Access and Success For Students With Disabilities.”

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Recycling Electronics: A Common Sense Solution for Enhancing Government Efficiency and Protecting Our Environment.”

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 27, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND
POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:29 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1944. An act to protect private property rights.

H.R. 3308. An act to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense.

H.R. 3865. An act to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. YODER of Kansas and Mr. BUTTERFIELD of North Carolina.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. ROE of Tennessee.

At 12:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2431. An act to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1423. An act to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1944. An act to protect private property rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2530. An act to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2531. An act to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3308. An act to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials

indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

COMPREHENSIVE VETERANS
HEALTH AND BENEFITS AND
MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY
RESTORATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2769, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2768, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2767) contained in the motion, made by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending bill violates section 311(a)-(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending bill.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That upon disposition of bill S. 1982, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; and that all other provisions of the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014 remain in effect.

COMPREHENSIVE VETERANS
HEALTH AND BENEFITS AND
MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY
RESTORATION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1982.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

Mr. GRAHAM asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments and motion be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 2752).

Mr. SANDERS objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM to lay the pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the table.

On motion by Mr. GRAHAM,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 44, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 45 Leg.]

YEAS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

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

Ordered, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to the vote on the motion to waive; and that the remaining votes, as pursuant to the order of yesterday be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

The hour of 2 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 56, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 46 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken,

Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SESSIONS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the bill was committed to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, as pursuant to section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motions, by Mr. REID, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 2747 (in the nature of a substitute), and on the bill, were withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 12, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2011

Mr. FLAKE asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2011) to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)-(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill;

that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. WYDEN objected.

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, and Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. MORAN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1086:

HARRY REID, T.R. HARKIN, B.A. MIKULSKI, BEN CARDIN, CHRIS COONS, PATRICK J. LEAHY, JACK REED, ROBERT MENENDEZ, S. WHITEHOUSE, PATTY MURRAY, J.A. MERKLEY, RON WYDEN, MARTIN HEINRICH, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, RICHARD DURBIN, BARBARA BOXER, CARL LEVIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1086.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution

(S. Res. 366) expressing support for the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHANNIS, and Mr. MARKEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 367) designating March 3, 2014, as "Read Across America Day", submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "RARE DISEASE DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 368) designating February 28, 2014, as "Rare Disease Day", submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WICKER), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2062) to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law, introduced today by Mr. PAUL, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2066) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2067) to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3865) to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Debo Adegbile; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate proceed to vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination, presented by Mr. REID on today.

Ordered further, That tomorrow count as an intervening day, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:20 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 27, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 27, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 27, 2014,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES TO UNDERMINE ZIMBABWE'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OR INSTITUTIONS—PM 31

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2014.

The threat constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue this national

emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 28, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4779. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9906-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4780. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections" ((RIN0750-AH97)(DFARS Case 2013-D010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4781. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Disclosure to Litigation Support Contractors" ((RIN0750-AH54)(DFARS Case 2012-D029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4782. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Acquisitions in Support of Operations in Afghanistan" ((RIN0750-AH98)(DFARS Case 2013-D009)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4783. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4784. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development,

transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4785. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Federal Assistance to Swaps Entities (Regulation KK)" (RIN7100-AD96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4786. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4787. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4788. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4789. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho" (FRL No. 9907-30-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4790. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Alaska; Anchorage Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan and State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 9902-22-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4791. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to Utah Administrative Code and an Associated Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9905-25-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4792. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Transportation Conformity Procedures" (FRL No. 9907-08-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4793. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Revised Transportation Conformity Consultation Process" (FRL No. 9905-67-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4794. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Ozone Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9907-02-Region 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4795. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Minor Corrections to the Revisions to the Total Coliform Rule" (FRL No. 9906-89-OW), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins; Pesticide Active Ingredient Production; and Polyether Polyols Production" (FRL No. 9906-34-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4797. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Determinations and Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts to Medicare Part B Premiums; Conforming Changes to Regulations" (RIN0960-AH47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4798. A joint communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4799. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0228); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4800. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0229); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ordered, That the order of Thursday, February 27, 2014, relative to consideration of the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, be modified such that, on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, the time following the remarks of the two leaders until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination; that the remaining provisions of the order of said date remain in effect; that, if said motion is agreed to, there be four minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees on the

nomination; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile is not agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez.

Ordered further, That the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Pamela L. Reeves, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Timothy L. Brooks, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, and Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, presented on Thursday, February 27, 2014, not "ripen" until 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

AUTHORITY FOR REPORTING OF A NOMINATION

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

Ordered, That Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to report the nomination of John P. Carlin, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General for National Security until Thursday, March 6, 2014.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S.2062) to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law, introduced on Thursday, February 27, 2014 by Mr. PAUL, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S.2066) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, introduced on Thursday, February 27, 2014 by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S.2067) to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities, introduced on Thursday, February 27, 2014 by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R.3865) to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, February 27, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS

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

Ordered, That today's proceedings be printed in the Congressional Record dated March 4, 2014.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 2:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Pastor David Weigley, President of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the Mid-Atlantic States, offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - - PM 32

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget:

THE BUDGET MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT To the Congress of the United States:

After 5 years of grit and determined effort, the United States is better positioned for the 21st Century than any other nation on Earth. We have created more than 8 million new jobs in the last 4 years and now have the lowest unemployment rate in over 5 years. Our housing market is rebounding. Our manufacturing sector is adding jobs for the first time since the 1990s. We now produce more oil at home than we buy from the rest of the world. We have cut our deficits by more than half since I took office. And for the first time in over a decade, business leaders around the world have declared that China is no longer the world's number one place to invest; America is.

We have made great progress, but we must do more to rebuild our economy on a new foundation for growth and prosperity. I believe that what unites the people of this Nation, regardless of race or region or party, young or old, rich or poor, is the simple, profound belief in opportunity for all—the notion that if you work hard and take responsibility, you can get ahead. That belief

has suffered some serious blows. Over more than three decades, even before the Great Recession hit, massive shifts in technology and global competition had eliminated good, middle class jobs and weakened the economic foundations that families depend on.

Today, after 4 years of economic growth, corporate profits and stock prices have rarely been higher, and those at the top have never done better. But average wages have barely budged. Inequality has deepened. Upward mobility remains stalled. Even in the midst of recovery, too many Americans are working more than ever just to get by—let alone get ahead. And too many still are not working at all.

Our job is to reverse these trends. We need to return to an America where our success depends not on accident of birth, but on the strength of our work ethic and the scope of our dreams. That is what drew our forebears here. Opportunity is who we are. And the defining project of our generation is to restore that promise. It will not happen right away. But we must continue to strive toward that goal.

What I offer in this Budget is a set of concrete, practical proposals to speed up growth, strengthen the middle class, and build new ladders of opportunity into the middle class—all while continuing to improve the Nation's long-run fiscal position.

Earlier this year, thanks to the work of Democrats and Republicans, the Congress produced an agreement that undid some of last year's severe cuts to priorities like education and research, infrastructure, and national security. Recognizing the importance of that bipartisan compromise, the Budget adheres to the spending levels agreed to by the Congress for fiscal year 2015. But there is clearly much more we can and should do to invest in areas like infrastructure, innovation, and education that will create jobs, economic growth, and opportunity. So I am including in my Budget a fully paid for Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative that provides the Congress a roadmap for how and where additional investments should be made in both domestic priorities and national security this year.

We know where to start: the best measure of opportunity is access to a good job. With the economy picking up speed, companies say they intend to hire more people this year. And over half of big manufacturers say they are thinking of insourcing jobs from abroad.

We need to make that decision easier for more companies. Both Democrats and Republicans have argued that our tax code is riddled with wasteful, complicated loopholes that make it harder to invest here and encourage companies to keep profits abroad. Last summer, I offered a proposal to couple business tax reform with critical investments in infrastructure. This Budget includes that

proposal, using the transition revenue that will result from a shift to a simpler, more efficient tax code to create jobs rebuilding our roads and bridges and unlogging our commutes and transporting goods made in America—because in today’s global economy, first-class jobs gravitate to first-class infrastructure. At the same time, this Budget lays out how my Administration will continue to act on our own to cut red tape and streamline the permitting process for key infrastructure projects, so we can get more construction workers on the job as fast as possible.

We also have the chance, right now, to beat other countries in the race for the next wave of high-tech manufacturing jobs. My Administration has already launched four hubs for high-tech manufacturing, where we have connected businesses to research universities that can help America lead the world in advanced technologies. The Budget expands on these efforts by providing funding for five additional institutes, and, through the Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative, supports the goal I announced last summer of creating a national network of 45 of these manufacturing innovation institutes over the next 10 years.

We know that the nation that goes all-in on innovation today will own the global economy tomorrow. This is an edge America cannot surrender. That is why the Budget includes investments in cutting-edge research and development, driving scientific and technological breakthroughs that will create jobs, improve lives, and open new opportunities for the American people. The Budget’s Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative will allow us to push our limits even further, supporting additional biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health that will help us fight Alzheimer’s, cancer, and other diseases, climate research to develop climate change-resilient infrastructure, and agricultural research that will help increase agricultural productivity and improve health.

We also know that one of the biggest factors in bringing more jobs back is our commitment to American energy. The all-of-the-above energy strategy I announced a few years ago is working, and today, America is closer to energy independence than we have been in decades.

The Budget advances this strategy by ensuring the safe and responsible production of natural gas and cleaner electricity generation from fossil fuels. It creates new incentives to cut the amount of energy we waste in our cars, trucks, homes, and factories. It promotes clean energy with investments in technologies like solar and by expanding and making permanent the tax credit for the production of renewable energy. And it continues to strengthen protection of our air, water, land, and

communities, and addresses the threat of climate change. Climate change is a fact, and we have to act with more urgency to address it because a changing climate is already harming western communities struggling with drought and coastal cities dealing with floods. That is why I directed my Administration to work with States, utilities, and others to set new standards on the amount of carbon pollution our power plants are allowed to dump into the air, and why this Budget advances new approaches to address the growing cost and damage from wildfires.

All of these efforts can speed up growth and create more jobs. But in this rapidly changing economy, we have to make sure that every American has the skills to fill those jobs. The Budget therefore invests in new efforts to drive greater performance and innovation in workforce training, including on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and other steps to equip workers with skills that match the needs of employers.

Of course, it is not enough to train today’s workforce. We also have to prepare tomorrow’s workforce by guaranteeing every child access to a world-class education. That is why the Budget builds on the progress we have made with new investments and initiatives to improve all levels of education, from early childhood through college.

Research shows that one of the best investments we can make in a child’s life is high-quality early education. This year, we will invest in new partnerships with States and communities across the country to expand access to high-quality early education, and I am again calling on the Congress to make high-quality preschool available to every four-year-old child. The Budget also includes funding to provide access to high-quality infant and toddler care for more than 100,000 children, and supports the extension and expansion of voluntary home visiting programs.

Last year, I called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to connect 99 percent of our students to high-speed broadband over the next 4 years. This year, the FCC is making a down payment on this goal by connecting more than 15,000 schools and 20 million students over the next 2 years, without adding a dime to the deficit. To ensure students receive the full benefit of this connectivity, the Budget invests in training for teachers in hundreds of school districts across the country.

The Budget also supports redesigning our high schools, helping them partner with colleges and employers that offer the college-level coursework and real-world skills to prepare students for college and careers. And it launches a new Race to the Top competition aimed at closing the achievement gap, so that all children get the high-quality education they need to succeed.

And we are shaking up our system of higher education to encourage innovation, give parents more information, and reward colleges for improving quality and reducing costs, so that no middle class student is priced out of a college education. Last summer, I directed the Department of Education to develop and publish a new college rating system that will identify colleges that provide the best value to students and encourage all colleges to improve. The Budget supports the development of that rating system and provides bonuses to reward colleges that improve educational outcomes for Pell Grant recipients. And to help more Americans who feel trapped by student loan debt, the Budget expands income-driven repayment options, allowing millions the opportunity to cap their monthly student loan payments at 10 percent of their income.

We also must do more to ensure our economy honors the dignity of work, and that hard work pays off for all of our citizens. Americans overwhelmingly agree that no one who works full time should ever have to raise a family in poverty. I have already acted by Executive Order to require Federal contractors to pay their federally funded employees a fair wage of at least \$10.10 an hour. The Congress needs to go further and raise the minimum wage for all workers to that same amount. This raise will help families, and it will help the economy by giving businesses customers with more money to spend and by boosting productivity and reducing turnover. The Budget also invests in enforcement efforts to make sure workers receive the wages and overtime they have earned.

There are other steps we can take to help families make ends meet. Few policies are more effective at reducing inequality and helping families pull themselves up through hard work than the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC for families with children lifts millions out of poverty each year and helps about half of all parents at some point in their lives. But as a number of prominent policymakers, both progressive and conservative, have noted, the EITC does not do enough for single workers who do not have kids. The Budget doubles the value of the EITC for workers without children and non-custodial parents, and also makes it available to younger adult workers, so that it can encourage work in the crucial years at the beginning of a young person’s career.

We also need to do more to help Americans save for retirement. Today, most workers do not have a pension. A Social Security check often is not enough on its own. And while the stock market has doubled over the last 5 years, that does not improve retirement security for people who do not have retirement savings. That is why the Budget builds on my proposal to create a new way

for working Americans to start saving for retirement: the MyRA savings bond. To encourage new savers, MyRA requires a low initial contribution and guarantees a decent return with no risk of losing what you put in. Separately, the Budget also proposes to establish automatic enrollment Individual Retirement Accounts, offering every American access to an automatic savings vehicle on the job.

For decades, few things exposed hard-working families to economic hardship more than a broken health care system. With the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, we are in the process of fixing that. Already, because of the health reform law, more than 3 million Americans under the age of 26 have gained coverage under their parents' plans. More than 9 million Americans have signed up for private health insurance or Medicaid coverage. Because of this law, no American can ever again be dropped or denied coverage for a preexisting condition like asthma, back pain, or cancer. No woman can ever be charged more just because she is a woman. And we did all this while adding years to Medicare's finances, keeping Medicare premiums flat, and lowering prescription costs for millions of seniors. To continue this progress, the Budget fully funds the ongoing implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

We must always remember that economic growth and opportunity can only be achieved if America is safe and secure. At home, the Budget supports efforts to make our communities safer by reducing gun violence and reforming our criminal justice system.

Looking beyond our borders, the Budget responsibly transitions from the completion of our military mission in Afghanistan in 2014 to political and security support for a unified Afghan government as it takes full responsibility for its own future. When I took office, nearly 180,000 Americans were serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, all our troops are out of Iraq and more than 60,000 of our troops have already come home from Afghanistan. With Afghan forces now in the lead for their own security, our troops have moved to a support role. Together with our allies, we will complete our mission there by the end of this year, and America's longest war will finally be over.

In addition to responsibly winding down our operations in Afghanistan, the Budget ensures we maintain ready, modern, and capable defense forces to address any threats we might face, including threats from terrorism and cyber attacks. It funds humanitarian and diplomatic efforts in Syria, supports transition and reform throughout the Middle East and North Africa, and advances our strategic rebalancing toward the Asia-Pacific region. It enhances stability and creates new markets for U.S. businesses with investments in Power Africa and promotes peace and security by supporting global

health care and addressing climate change. And it strengthens oversight of intelligence activities and enhances the protection of U.S. diplomatic facilities and personnel overseas.

The Budget also ensures that we continue to meet our obligations to our troops and veterans who have given so much to our country. To deliver on this commitment, it provides significant resources to support veterans' medical care, help military families, assist soldiers transitioning to civilian life, reduce veterans' homelessness, and reduce the disability claims backlog so our veterans receive the benefits they have earned. It also introduces necessary reforms to our military compensation system, which our uniform military leadership called for, to ensure servicemembers and their families receive the benefits that they have earned while making sure that our military can invest in the training, equipment, and support that it needs.

In addition to making these critical investments, the Budget outlines the steps my Administration is taking to create a 21st Century Government that is more efficient, effective, and supportive of economic growth. Our citizens and businesses expect their Government to provide the same level of service experienced in the private sector and we intend to deliver. The Budget includes initiatives that will lead to better, faster, and smarter services, both online and in-person. It calls on Federal agencies to share services and leverage the buying power of the Government to bring greater value and efficiency for taxpayer dollars. It continues to open Government data and research for public and private sector use to spur innovation and job creation. And it invests in the Government's most important resource, its workers, ensuring that we can attract and retain the best talent in the Federal workforce and foster a culture of excellence.

The Budget does all of these things while further strengthening the Nation's long-term fiscal outlook. Over the last 5 years, we have cut the deficit in half as a share of the economy, experiencing the fastest period of deficit reduction since the demobilization following World War II. The Budget continues this progress, bringing deficits down as a share of the economy to below 2 percent by 2023 and putting debt as a share of the economy on a declining path.

Although we have seen a notable and significant decline in health care spending growth over the last few years, in part due to the Affordable Care Act, we know that over the long run, the growth of health care costs continues to be our Nation's most pressing fiscal challenge. That is why the Budget builds on the savings and reforms in the health reform law with additional measures to strengthen Medicare and Medicaid and encourage high-quality and efficient health care.

We also know that revenue has to be part of the solution to our Nation's long-term fiscal challenges. Given the aging of our population and the declining ratio of workers to retirees, we will need additional revenue to maintain our commitments to seniors while also making the investments that are needed to grow our economy and expand opportunity. The Budget secures that revenue through tax reform that reduces inefficient and unfair tax breaks and ensures that everyone, from Main Street to Wall Street, is paying their fair share.

Finally, if we are serious about long-term, sustainable economic growth and deficit reduction, it is also time to heed the calls of business leaders, labor leaders, faith leaders, and law enforcement—and fix our broken immigration system. Independent economists say immigration reform will grow our economy and shrink our deficits by almost \$1 trillion in the next two decades. And for good reason: when people come here to fulfill their dreams—to study, invent, and contribute to our culture—they make our country a more attractive place for businesses to locate and help create jobs for everyone. The Senate has acted to pass a bipartisan immigration reform bill that is worthy of support. It is time for the House of Representatives to finish the job.

We have made progress over the last 5 years. But our work is not done. This Budget provides a roadmap to ensuring middle class families and those working to be a part of the middle class can feel secure in their jobs, homes, and budgets. To build real, lasting economic security, we also need to expand opportunity for all so every American can get ahead and have a shot at creating a better life for their kids.

None of it is easy. America has never come easy. But if we work together, if we summon what is best in us, I know it is within our reach.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 4, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4779. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9906-70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4780. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections" ((RIN0750-AH97)(DFARS Case 2013-D010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4781. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Disclosure to Litigation Support Contractors" ((RIN0750-AH54)(DFARS Case 2012-D029)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4782. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Acquisitions in Support of Operations in Afghanistan" ((RIN0750-AH98)(DFARS Case 2013-D009)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4783. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4784. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4785. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Federal Assistance to Swaps Entities (Regulation KK)" (RIN7100-AD96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4786. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26,

2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4787. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4788. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for calendar year 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4789. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho" (FRL No. 9907-30-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4790. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Alaska; Anchorage Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan and State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 9902-22-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4791. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to Utah Administrative Code and an Associated Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9905-25-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4792. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Transportation Conformity Procedures" (FRL No. 9907-08-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4793. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Revised Transportation Conformity Consultation Process" (FRL No. 9905-67-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4794. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Ozone Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9907-02-Region 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4795. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Minor Corrections to the Revisions to the Total Coliform Rule" (FRL No. 9906-89-OW), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins; Pesticide Active Ingredient Production; and Polyether Polyols Production" (FRL No. 9906-34-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4797. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Determinations and Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts to Medicare Part B Premiums; Conforming Changes to Regulations" (RIN0960-AH47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4798. A joint communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4799. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or

defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0228); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4800. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0229); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4801. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Poplar Island, Maryland project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4802. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Boston Harbor Navigation Improvement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. 2075. A bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2076. A bill to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2077. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 369. A resolution to designate May 22, 2014 as "United States Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and to honor those in the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes.

S. 255

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1014

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes.

S. 1067

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1067, a bill to establish within the Department of Education the Innovation

Inspiration school grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased

expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1811, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.

S. 1817

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1817, a bill to require the Secretary to implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in facilities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 2000

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2000, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2048

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2048, a bill to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a

cosponsor of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.

S. 2072

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2072, a bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.

S. 2073

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2073, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 2074

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 2074, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, whether committed by officials of the Government of Syria, or members of other groups involved in civil war in Syria, and calling on the President to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to immediately promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 357

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 357, a resolution expressing concern of undemocratic governance and the abuse of the rights of individuals in Ukraine.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2014, at 3 p.m., to hold an East Asia and Pacific subcommittee hearing entitled "Strengthening U.S. Alliances in Northeast Asia."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 899. An act to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2804. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to publish information about rules on the Internet, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3193. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 899. An act to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2804. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to publish information about rules on the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MERKLEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2077) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REED, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM**

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 27, 2014, as modified.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

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

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1086**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 27, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3:30 p.m.

Pending debate,

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

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

EC-4803. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting a report of draft legislation entitled "Federal Agriculture Mortgage Corporation Governance; Farmer Mac Corporate Governance and Standards of Conduct" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4804. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of seven (7) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4805. A communication from the General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4806. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4807. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Property Transferred in Connection with the Performance of Services under Section 83" ((RIN1545-BJ15)(TD 9659)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4808. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Passenger Automobiles First Placed in Service or Leased in 2014" (Rev. Proc. 2014-21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4809. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Calendar Year Resident Population Figures" (Notice 2014-12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4810. A communication from the Acting Director of the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Handling Retaliation Complaints Under Section 402 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act" (RIN1218-AC58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4811. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period Limitation and Technical Amendments to Certain Health Coverage Requirements Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1210-AB56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4812. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families (Family Support), Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4813. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report on FDA Advisory Committee Vacancies and Public Disclosures"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4814. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on FDA's Policy to be Proposed Regarding Premarket Notification Requirements for Modifications to Legally Marketed Devices"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4815. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4816. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Audit of the Administration of District Funds to the D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4817. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Alfaxalone into Schedule IV" (Docket No. DEA-370), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4818. A communication from the President, Chief Scout Executive, and the National Commissioner, Boy Scouts of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's 2013 annual report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4819. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to eight legislative recommendations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4820. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business

Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Fiscal Year Report to the U.S. Congress on Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development"; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4821. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4822. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Appeals Office Rules of Procedure" (RIN0648-BA36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4823. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal to 60 Feet Length Overall Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD101), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4824. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XC464), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4825. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD078), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4826. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD063), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4827. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Pot Catcher/Processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD104), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4828. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Increase" (RIN0648-XD100), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4829. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line or Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD114), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2078. A bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2079. A bill to establish a pilot program to hire individuals with alternative educational experience; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2080. A bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2081. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require notification of Congress by the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board regarding any violation of the Constitutional rights of taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2082. A bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2083. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to promote economic growth and job creation in the United States, to strengthen strategic partnerships with allies of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2084. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2085. A bill to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER) (by request):

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Third Amendment to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 370. A resolution supporting the territorial integrity of Ukraine and condemning Russian military aggression in Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 371. A resolution honoring the legacy of Jan Karski by designating April 24, 2014, as "Jan Karski Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. Res. 372. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 373. A resolution recognizing the importance of biosecurity and agro-defense in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 374. A resolution designating March 3, 2014, as "World Wildlife Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. Res. 375. A resolution concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 364

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 364, a bill to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and for other purposes.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 739

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 739, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 1008

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1008, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes

that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft.

S. 1060

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for military veterans.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1401

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1401, a bill to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1694

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1694, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 2046

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2046, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries coordinated care and greater choice with regard to accessing hearing health services and benefits.

S. 2049

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2049, a bill to curb unfair and deceptive practices during assertion of patents, and for other purposes.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2069, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 365

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH]

were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 365, a resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing ON The President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-432 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Income Security and the Elderly: Securing Gains made in the War on Poverty."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 23. An act to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2197. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 2259. An act to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses.

H.R. 3370. An act to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4076. An act to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes.

At 6:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 23. An act to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 2197. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2259. An act to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and

geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving eight rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1086

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

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 1086.

Ordered further, That the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, February 27, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1086, be withdrawn.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BIOSECURITY AND AGRO-DEFENSE IN THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 373) recognizing the importance of biosecurity and agro-defense in the United States, submitted today by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, and Mrs. MCCASKILL), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "WORLD WILDLIFE DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 374) designating March 3, 2014, as "World Wildlife Day", submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2077) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REED, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3370) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until

10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the nomination of John Roth, the Senate resume its legislative session; and that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill (S. 1752) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes, and the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:36 p.m.,

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:33 a.m., the His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECESS

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

At 9:44 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 9:46 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER called the Senate to order.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, March 6, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE THREAT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES POSED BY THE SITUATION IN THE UKRAINE --
PM 33

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Ukraine.

The order does not target the country of Ukraine, but rather is aimed at persons—including persons who have asserted

governmental authority in the Crimean region without the authorization of the Government of Ukraine—who undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets. The order blocks the property and interests in property and suspends entry into the United States of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

- to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, directly or indirectly, any of the following:

- actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in Ukraine;

- actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, stability, sovereignty, or territorial integrity of Ukraine; or

- misappropriation of state assets of Ukraine or of an economically significant entity in Ukraine;

- to have asserted governmental authority over any part or region of Ukraine without the authorization of the Government of Ukraine;

- to be a leader of an entity that has, or whose members have, engaged in any activity described above or of an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order;

- to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any activity described above or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; or
- to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 6, 2014.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-198. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the

Congress of the United States to adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 50, regarding the National Railroad Monument in Durand, Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

Whereas, Railroads are an integral part of our nation's past, present, and future. The railroad industry played a vital role in building and developing the United States. This role should not be forgotten; and

Whereas, Durand, Michigan, is at the historic crossroads of three major railroads and is home to one of the largest surviving train stations in the United States. The existing statuary, structures, and historic railroad equipment at Diamond District Park in Durand make it an ideal location for a National Railroad Memorial; and

Whereas, Congressional House Concurrent Resolution No. 50 would designate a National Railroad Monument located in Diamond District Park in historic downtown Durand, Michigan, as the National Railroad Memorial. This recognition would help draw visitors from around the world to the educational programming and exhibits in Durand. It would help ensure that current and future generations do not forget the historical importance of the railroad industry to our nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the United States to adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 50, regarding the National Railroad Monument in Durand; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-199. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado relative to the U.S.S. Pueblo; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-1007

Whereas, The U.S.S. Pueblo was originally launched as a United States Army cargo ship in 1944 but was transferred to the United States Navy and renamed the U.S.S. Pueblo in 1966; and

Whereas, The U.S.S. Pueblo was named for the city of Pueblo, Colorado, and the county of Pueblo, Colorado, and was the third ship in the naval fleet to bear the name Pueblo; and

Whereas, After leaving Japan in early January 1968 on an intelligence mission, the U.S.S. Pueblo was attacked by the North Korean military on January 23, 1968; and

Whereas, According to United States Naval authorities and the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo, the ship was in international waters at the time of the attack; and

Whereas, One crew member of the U.S.S. Pueblo was killed during the attack, and eighty crew members and two civilian oceanographers were captured and held for eleven months by the North Korean government; and

Whereas, This year marks the forty-sixth anniversary of North Korea's attack on the U.S.S. Pueblo and her crew; and

Whereas, The U.S.S. Pueblo is still in commission in the United States Navy but continues to be held by the North Korean government and is currently a museum in Pyongyang, North Korea: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

(1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the bravery and sacrifice of the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo; and

(2) That we take pride in the fact that the U.S.S. Pueblo bears the name of a city and a county in Colorado, and, therefore, the citizens of Colorado should be aware of the incident that occurred with the U.S.S. Pueblo forty-six years ago; and

(3) That we continue the call for Kim Jong Un and the North Korean government to return the U.S.S. Pueblo to the people of the United States; and

(4) That we hereby designate January 23 each year as "U.S.S. Pueblo Day" as a day to remember and honor the brave crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, Governor John W. Hickenlooper, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate Patrick Leahy, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives John Boehner, and the members of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

POM-200. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico requesting the New Mexico Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., to vote to support legislation that would remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 2

Whereas, equal rights for women are not specifically included in the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the rights of women in the United States to receive equal pay for equal work, be protected against domestic violence and have fair work-leave policies and access to the reproductive health care services of their choice, among others, are daily being questioned and restricted; and

Whereas, protection of women's rights at present is through a patchwork of existing laws, executive actions and judicial decisions that address individual cases of discrimination one by one as they arise; and

Whereas, each or all of these individual existing laws, executive actions and judicial decisions may be ignored, eroded or overturned; and

Whereas, an Amendment that would guarantee rights for women that are equal to those of men would provide a fundamental legal remedy against all cases of discrimination based on gender; and

Whereas, Resolutions to pass an Amendment to the United States Constitution that would guarantee equal rights for women and men have been introduced into Congress each year since 1923; and

Whereas, thirty-five of the thirty-eight states required for the Amendment to become part of the Constitution ratified the Equal Rights Amendment by the deadline of 1982; and

Whereas, the deadline for ratification is not in the binding text of the document itself and, in fact, was later extended by another Congress for an additional three years, thus establishing the precedent that Congress has the power to do so; and

Whereas, in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Senate Joint Resolution 39, introduced by Senator Ben Cardin, and House Joint Resolution 47, introduced by Representative Tammy Baldwin, would remove the deadline for ratification of the Amendment so that an additional three States may ratify it; and

Whereas, New Mexicans feel justly proud that New Mexico was one of the first states in the union to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in 1973, and it passed its own Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of New Mexico in 1972: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Mexico, That it call upon the New Mexico Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., to vote in favor of Legislation that would remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment so that efforts can proceed to get ratification by the necessary additional three states so that, finally, the guarantee of equal rights for women and men in the United States will become the Law of the Land; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be transmitted to each member of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and to the Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States Congress.

POM-201. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Boonton, New Jersey, urging Congress to dedicate additional federal funds for highway maintenance and infrastructure improvements

in New Jersey; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-202. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, supporting efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 149. A bill to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COATS, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2086. A bill to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2087. A bill to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2088. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act with respect to the exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2089. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2090. A bill to prohibit the export from the United States of certain electronic waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2091. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2092. A bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2093. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify the purposes of authorized collection of business records and to prohibit the bulk collection of metadata, to require judicial review of national security letters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2094. A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING):

S. 2095. A bill to reauthorize and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides health services to veterans through qualifying non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2096. A bill to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act of 2004 to provide for the authorization of liquified natural gas terminals and related facilities necessary for the export of Alaska natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COATS, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2097. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2098. A bill to ratify and approve certain payments to school districts serving Yellowstone National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 376. A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 607, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 813

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 836, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD-9 with ICD-10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards.

S. 975

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1764

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1764, a bill to limit the retirement of A-10 aircraft.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending

Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1920

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1920, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the research and development credit to encourage innovation.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy.

S. 2085

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 370

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 370, a resolution supporting the territorial integrity of Ukraine and condemning Russian military aggression in Ukraine.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Map-21 Reauthorization: The Federal Role and Current Challenges to Public Transportation."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Enhancing Our Rail Safety; Current Challenges for Passenger and Freight Rail."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Preventing Potential Chemical Threats and Improving Safety: Oversight of the President's Executive Order on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 11 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Syria Spillover: The Growing Threat of Terrorism and Sectarianism in the Middle East."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 6, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND
CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 6, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled,

"Oversight of Contractor Performance Information."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:49 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 938. An act to strengthen the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2126. An act to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4118. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 938. An act to strengthen the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2126. To promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
ON TODAY

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Katheryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, R. Gil. Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chile; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that

each vote be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND
CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL

H.R. 3521

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment by Mr. VITTER be proposed and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 10:30 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceed to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MILITARY JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT
ACT

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1752) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That the two hours for debate on bills S. 1752 and S. 1917 (as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014) be equally divided and controlled between Mrs. MCCASKILL and Mrs. GILLIBRAND, or their designees; and that all other provisions of the order remaining.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1752; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1752:

HARRY REID, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, BARBARA BOXER, JAY ROCKEFELLER, TAMMY BALDWIN, BEN CARDIN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, DEBBIE STABENOW, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, CHRIS COONS, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, JON TESTER, MARK BEGICH, B.A. MIKULSKI, MARIA CANTWELL, CHUCK SCHUMER, DIANNE FEINSTEIN.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 1752.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 55, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 59 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Markey, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Paul, Pryor, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warren, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Nelson, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The motion not having been agreed to,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014,

The bill was returned to the calendar.

VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate bill on bill S. 1917:

HARRY REID, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, TAMMY BALDWIN, JAY ROCKEFELLER, BEN CARDIN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, DEBBIE STABENOW, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, CHRIS COONS, B.A. MIKULSKI, BARBARA BOXER, JON TESTER, MARK BEGICH, MARIA CANTWELL, CHUCK SCHUMER, DIANNE FEINSTEIN.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 1917.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been considered waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 100, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 60 Leg.]

YEAS --- 100

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO),

Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill.

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014, the Senate vote on passage of bill S. 1917 at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Whereupon,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1917.

The question being on passage of the bill.

OBJECTION TO DISCHARGE AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1821

Ms. HIRONO asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1821) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment by Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. HELLER) be proposed and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, passed, and held at the desk; that, if the Senate receives a bill from the House of Representatives for concurrence, and said bill is identical to bill S. 1821, as passed, the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that bill S. 1821 then be indefinitely postponed.

After debate,

Mr. SESSIONS objected.

VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1917.

The question being on passage of the bill.
Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, with the concurrence of the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL S. 1821 PASSED

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1821) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment (Numbered 2806) be proposed on behalf of Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. HELLER), and agreed to; and that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed.

Ordered further, That the bill be held at the desk; that, if the Senate receives from the House of Representatives for concurrence a bill identical to the text of bill S. 1821, as passed, the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without intervening action or debate; and that, following the vote, bill S. 1821 be indefinitely postponed; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3370) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2097) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. HELLER, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4118) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER
PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-567, had reappointed the following to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Sanford Ungar, of Maryland.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 4 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the motion, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate resume its legislative session; and that the Senate then vote on passage of bill S. 1917, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination is agreed to, time during the vote on passage of bill S. 1917 count against time for debate on the nomination, pursuant to S. Res. 15.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 4 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 6, 2014,

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 6, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE TABLE

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2097) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, March 6, 2014 by Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COATS, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. KIRK), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4118) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, March 6, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 6, 2014,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

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The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying reports and papers; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget:

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.,
President of the Senate,
Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith the following hard copy volumes of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget: Appendix, Analytical Perspectives, and Historical Tables.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 10, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4830. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Regulations for Tank Level Probing Radars in the Frequency Band 77-81 GHz" ((ET Docket No. 10-23)(FCC 14-2)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4831. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Additional Portable Oxygen Concentrators on Board Aircraft" ((RIN2120-AK35)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1013)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4832. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Personal Use of Electronic Devices on the Flight Deck" ((RIN2120-AJ17)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0929)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4833. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Altitudes for Use of Autopilots" ((RIN2120-AK11)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1059)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4834. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (50); Amdt. No. 3573" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4835. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (63); Amdt. No. 3574" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4836. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D and E Airspace; Christiansted, St. Croix, VI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0757)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4837. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D and E Airspace; Grand Forks, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0950)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4838. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Morrisville, VT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0683)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4839. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; McMinnville, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0682)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4840. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and E Airspace; Kailua-Kona, HI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0622)), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4841. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, Amendment of Class D and E Airspace, and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Salinas, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0708)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4842. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9906-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4843. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopicolide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9906-19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4844. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triflumizole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9906-47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4845. A communication from the Director, Naval Reactors, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program's reports on environmental monitoring and radioactive waste disposal, radiation exposure, and occupational safety and health, as well as a report providing an overview of the Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4846. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Public Assistance Program's Simplified Procedures Project Thresholds" ((RIN1660-AA81)-(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0009)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4847. A communication from the President and Chief Operating Officer, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2013 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4848. A communication from the President and Chief Operating Officer, Financing Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2013 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4849. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4850. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, United States Enrichment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's nineteenth annual report regarding its activities as Executive Agent for the U.S. government in the implementation of the 20-year contract to purchase low enriched uranium derived from dismantled Russian nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4851. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Auxiliary Installations, Replacement Facilities, Siting and Maintenance Regulations" (RIN1902-AE62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4852. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4853. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 9907-32-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4854. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: State Implementation Plan Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 9907-38-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4855. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Construction and Development Point Source Category" (FRL No. 9906-51-OW), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4856. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2014 Trade Policy Agenda and 2013 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4857. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-178); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4858. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period October 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4859. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4860. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4861. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product and Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4862. A communication from the Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. COATS:

S. 2099. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish uniform requirements for thorough economic analysis of regulations by Federal agencies based on sound principles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2100. A bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2101. A bill to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2102. A bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 377. A resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. Kaine] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 755

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to apply the Medicaid primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 1044

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1044, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to

exempt from sequestration certain fees of the Food and Drug Administration.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1675, a bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the

Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1899

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1899, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a consumer renewable credit for a utility that sells renewable power, and for other purposes.

S. 1917

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1917, a bill to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

S. 2008

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2008, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 2047

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 2047, a bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2086, a bill to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 365

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 365, a resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 370

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 370, a resolution supporting the territorial integrity of Ukraine and condemning Russian military aggression in Ukraine.

SENATE RESOLUTION 376

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 376, a resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2641. An act to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3826. An act to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired

electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4152. An act to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 6, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 6, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 6, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014, as modified,

Time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, being considered concluded,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, February 26, 2014, as modified,

The bill was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On the request of Mr. COATS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---

yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 62 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow,

Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, on the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, be considered concluded; and that, on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on confirmation of said nomination.

Ordered further, That, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; and Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate on a nomination is agreed to, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, time for debate on the nomination, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be considered concluded; that, on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, upon disposition of the nomination of Carolyn McHugh, the Senate vote on confirmation of said nominations in the order that a motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to; and that, upon disposition of said nominations, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Ordered further, That, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Sarah Raskin, the Senate resume its legislative session and proceed to consider bill S. 1086.

Pending debate,

(The following occurred after 12 midnight, being Tuesday, March 11, 2014)

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9 A.M. ON TODAY, AND FOR
PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on today; that, on today, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first hour therein, and the minority control the second hour therein; and that, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Ordered further, That, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Linda Vivienne Parker, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 8:54 a.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on today.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. CARDIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 11, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4860. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4861. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product and Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4862. A communication from the Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4863. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4864. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report concerning its compliance with the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4865. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4866. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial integrity for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4867. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4868. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-281, "Annie's Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4869. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-280, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 150, S.O. 13-10218, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4870. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-279, "Expedited Partner Therapy Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4871. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 and a report entitled "Compendium of Unimplemented Recommendations"; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4872. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4873. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4874. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4875. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4876. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4877. A communication from the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of three recommendations and one statement adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 59th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4878. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay for Senior-Level and Scientific or Professional Positions" (RIN3206-AL88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4879. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 20-288, "LGBTQ Homeless Youth Reform Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4880. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-289, "Public Service Commission and People's Counsel Terms of Service Harmonization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4881. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-290, "Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4882. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures" (Rev. Proc. 2014-23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4883. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Method Changes for Tangible Property Disposition" (Rev. Proc. 2014-17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4884. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withholding of Tax on Certain U.S. Source Income Paid to Foreign Persons and Revision of Information Reporting and Backup Withholding Regulations" ((TD 9658)(RIN1545-BL18)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 361. A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder.

S. Res. 365. A resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators

in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 375. A resolution concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 376. A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

S. Res. 377. A resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1410. A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1675. A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2103. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LEE, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 2104. A bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 2105. A bill to prohibit the Federal funding of a State firearms ownership database; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 2106. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2107. A bill to increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System, and to encourage improved outreach to and communication with borrowers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2108. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage teachers to pursue teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects at elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2109. A bill to eliminate duplicative, outdated, or unnecessary Congressionally mandated Federal agency reporting; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2110. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 378. A resolution condemning illegal Russian aggression in Ukraine; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 379. A resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon ("THON") on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 380. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 381. A resolution congratulating the athletes from the United States who participated in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games as members of the United States Olympic Team; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 257

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the

Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 907

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1156

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1156, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher

Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers.

S. 1694

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1694, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1811, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1893

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2024, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2024, supra.

S. 2046

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2046, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries coordinated care and greater choice with regard to accessing hearing health services and benefits.

S. 2062

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2062, a bill to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2069, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the

internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 365

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 365, a resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Access and Cost: What the U.S. Health Care System Can Learn from Other Countries."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 11, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Open Government and Freedom of Information: Reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act for the Digital Age."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

The Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "A

More Efficient and Effective Government: Improving the Regulatory Framework.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING
THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND
CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, “Whistleblower Retaliation at the Hanford Nuclear Site.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Finding the Right Capital Regulations for Insurers.”

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2019. An act to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

GABRIELLA MILLER KIDS FIRST
RESEARCH ACT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2019) to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

After debate,

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

ORDER FOR FURTHER MORNING
BUSINESS

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

Ordered, That, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

FURTHER PERIOD FOR MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of today,

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

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3521

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3521) to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; that an amendment be proposed by him, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1950

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute, being the text of bill S. 1982), be proposed thereto, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. VITTER objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RELATIVE TO THE SMITHSONIAN
INSTITUTION BOARD OF REGENTS

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 32) providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

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

CONDEMNING ILLEGAL RUSSIAN
AGGRESSION IN UKRAINE

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 378) condemning illegal Russian aggression in Ukraine, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. MENEDEZ, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. RISCH), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

CONGRATULATING THE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE
UNIVERSITY IFC/PANHELLENIC
DANCE MARATHON

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 379) congratulating the Pennsylvania State University

IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon ("THON") on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

SUPPORTING "TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY"

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 380) supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES TEAM WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 381) congratulating the athletes from the United States who participated in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games as members of the United States Olympic Team, submitted today by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. HATCH), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2110) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid

payments, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. WYDEN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Whereupon,

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:13 p.m.,

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 12, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2110) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable

growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. WYDEN, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN -- PM 35

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal*

Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2014.

The crisis between the United States and Iran resulting from the actions and policies of the Government of Iran has not been resolved. The Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) between the P5+1 and Iran went into effect on January 20, 2014, for a period of 6 months. This marks the first time in a decade that Iran has agreed to and taken specific actions to halt its nuclear program and to roll it back in key respects. In return for Iran's actions on its nuclear program, the P5+1, in coordination with the European Union, are taking actions to implement the limited, temporary, and reversible sanctions relief outlined in the JPOA.

Nevertheless, certain actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and to maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to deal with this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 12, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4885. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenamidone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9906-99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4886. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification that the annual report on the current and future military strategy of Iran will be delivered to Congress in May of 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4887. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA FAR Supplement: Proposal Adequacy Checklist" (RIN2700-AE13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4888. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4889. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to proposals on military compensation included in the President's fiscal year 2015 budget; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4890. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law the Economic Report of the President together with the 2014 Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers; to the Joint Economic Committee.

EC-4891. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Second Ten-Year PM 10 Maintenance Plan for Pagosa Springs" (FRL No. 9907-57-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4892. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of California; 2012 Los Angeles County State Implementation Plan for 2008 Lead Standard" (FRL No. 9907-14-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4893. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9905-18-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4894. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Clark County, Nevada" (FRL No. 9907-56-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4895. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Stage II Vapor Recovery Program and Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9907-55-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4896. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; South Coast Air Quality Management District and El Dorado County Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9905-26-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4897. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Manchester and Nashua Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plans" (FRL No. 9906-76-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4898. A communication from the Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waivers of Rights and Claims in Settlement of a Charge or Lawsuit under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act" (RIN3046-AA58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4899. A communication from the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Budget Justification for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4900. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of 10 Synthetic Cathinones into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-386), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4901. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Permit Delayed Submission of Certain Requirements for Prioritized Examination" (RIN0651-AC93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4902. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Continued Prosecution Application Practice" (RIN0651-AC92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4903. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of a delay in submitting Amtrak's operations update and a general and legislative annual report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4904. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Dallas/Fort Worth Class B Airspace Area; TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1168)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4905. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0791)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4906. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate previously held by Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0737)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4907. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0799)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4908. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0735)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4909. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0054)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4910. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0210)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4911. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Restricted Category Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0736)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4912. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co. KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0342)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4913. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS) LIMITED Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0793)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4914. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0997)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4915. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Costruzioni Aeronautiche Tecnam srl Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0888)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4916. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0632)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4917. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0538)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4918. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0039)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4919. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Type Certificate currently held by AgustaWestland S.p.A.) (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0478)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4920. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Beechcraft Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0611)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4921. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (Eurocopter) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0679)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4922. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0501)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4923. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Atlanta, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0891)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4924. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design-Build Contracting" (RIN2125-AF58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4925. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of

Nonconforming Vehicles Decided To Be Eligible for Importation" (Docket No. NHTSA-2013-0092), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4926. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Occupant Crash Protection" (RIN2127-AK56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-203. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging complete hydrologic separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins, calling for the formation of a regional body to negotiate terms of hydrologic separation, and urging Congress and other entities to take interim steps to prevent Asian carp movement into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 305

Whereas, The Great Lakes constitute one of the world's greatest inland waterway systems. Recreational opportunities on the lakes make Michigan and the region an attractive place for businesses to locate. The Great Lakes support jobs across a spectrum of industries that include manufacturing, tourism, recreation, shipping—including freight transport and warehousing—agriculture, science, engineering, utilities, and mining. The protection of the Great Lakes is essential to local and national economic growth; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes are central to Michigan's state identity and economy with a \$15 billion annual tourism industry and more than 1 million licensed anglers contributing \$2 billion to the economy; and

Whereas, Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are one of the foremost challenges facing the Great Lakes. Economic and environmental damage from invasive species in the Great Lakes basin is estimated at \$5.7 billion per year, and commercial and sport fishing in the Great Lakes basin have suffered losses estimated at \$4.5 billion; and

Whereas, Asian carp pose an imminent threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem and economy. The leading front of the Asian carp population has been confirmed 25 miles downstream of the electric barriers located on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, and

monitoring has detected Asian carp DNA between the electric barriers and Lake Michigan. Research by U.S. and Canadian fishery experts shows that there is a significant risk of Asian carp surviving, spreading, and establishing populations in the Great Lakes, particularly in shallow, near-shore areas like Green Bay, Saginaw Bay, Lake St. Clair, and Western Lake Erie. Once established, they can reproduce rapidly, consume large quantities of food, disrupt local ecosystems, out-compete native fish species, and devastate recreational fishing and boating opportunities. If populations of Asian carp become established in the Great Lakes, they will be difficult, if not impossible, to control or eradicate, and thus, the federal government has recognized Asian carp as “the most acute [aquatic invasive species] threat facing the Great Lakes today”; and

Whereas, A recent study conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed that the electric barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, designed to prevent the spread of Asian carp and other invasive fish, are not effective in stopping the movement of all fish, especially small fish, and that barges can sweep fish through the electric barrier; and

Whereas, The Restoring the Natural Divide report prepared by the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in 2012 presented three alternatives for hydrologically separating the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The report demonstrates that a long-term solution to prevent AIS transfer—while maintaining or enhancing water quality, flood control, and transportation—is possible; and

Whereas, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) report presenting a range of eight options and technologies to prevent AIS movement between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins, including two alternatives for full hydrologic separation. The GLMRIS report recognizes hydrologic separation as the most effective way to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes and mitigate flooding; and

Whereas, Complete hydrologic separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins would be a project measured in decades, not months or years. Asian carp pose a near certainty of establishing populations in the Great Lakes before the implementation of hydrologic separation from the Mississippi River basin unless strong, strategic interim measures are implemented; and

Whereas, While the long-term solution is developed and implemented, priority in the near-term should be given to effectively preventing the movement of Asian carp into

the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River basin through technologies, waterway system improvements, technology demonstrations, and continued aggressive management practices leading to real reductions in populations. One-way or partial separation to prevent fish from moving upstream may be possible to achieve in the near-term without having to address major flooding and water quality issues. A short-term plan of action should include study and evaluation of the impacts on shipping infrastructure to provide feasible options for promoting new alternative long-term solutions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we find that complete hydrologic separation is the most effective long-term solution for protecting the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins from aquatic invasive species (AIS) transfer and urge its implementation; and be it further

Resolved, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to call for immediate action on a suite of measures to reduce the risk of Asian carp and other invasive species passing through the Chicago Area Waterway System until hydrologic separation can be completed, including:

1.Continued implementation of the Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework and related efforts;

2.Continued support of extensive monitoring and control efforts, including commercial fishing in the Chicago Area Waterway System, led by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and its federal partners;

3.Design and engineering of modifications to the Brandon Road lock and dam structure or other appropriate lock to reduce the risk of one-way transfer into Lake Michigan, including additional electric barriers at the entrance and exit of the lock, use of carbon dioxide as a fish deterrent, modifications of the gates on the dam, and other technologies; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement physical separation immediately through lock closure should Asian carp pose an imminent threat of passing through the Brandon Road Lock; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon commercial navigation industries to identify practices to reduce the risk of AIS transfer that can be instituted on an escalating pace commensurate with the advance of Asian carp toward Lake Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the United States Department of Transportation to study and evaluate the current and future infrastructure needs in the affected region to ensure the continued flow of commerce in and out of the region; and be it further

Resolved, That we call for the assembly of a consensus-building body of state and

federal agencies, industries, regional commissions, and nongovernmental organizations to negotiate terms of hydrologic separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins even while planning for interim measures are underway; and be it further

Resolved, That we request that Congress call upon the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide a lead role in accomplishing these goals and coordinating efforts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies through the Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework and the national control plan for Asian carp; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of the Interior, the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Chicago District, and the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2124. An original bill to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2111. A bill to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2112. A bill to authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2113. A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and

performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2114. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to disclosures to investors in municipal and corporate debt securities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 2115. A bill to provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2116. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with Indian tribes, to make grants, competitive grants, and special research grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements and other contracting instruments with, eligible entities to conduct research and education and training programs to protect and preserve Native American seeds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2117. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2118. A bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2119. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to authorize block grants to States for prekindergarten education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2120. A bill to expand the prohibition on the manufacture, distribution, and importation of children's products that contain phthalates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2121. A bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2122. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S. 2123. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2124. An original bill to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COATS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LEE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 382. A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to modify the provision relating to timing for filing of cloture motions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635,

a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1135

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services.

S. 1397

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. McCASKILL], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1793

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1802, a bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2024, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 2053

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action on the Capitol Grounds.

S. 2077

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2077, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2086, a bill to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2099, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish uniform requirements for thorough economic analysis of regulations by Federal agencies based on sound principles, and for other purposes.

S. 2106

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 33, a concurrent resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 355

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 355, a resolution calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to cease the extra-judicial release of Afghan detainees, carry out its commitments pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding governing the transfer of Afghan detainees

from the United States custody to Afghan control and to uphold the Afghan Rule of Law with respect to the referral and disposition of detainees.

SENATE RESOLUTION 365

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 365, a resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 365, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 377

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 377, a resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 377, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 377, *supra*.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 9 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "From Poverty to Opportunity: How a Fair Minimum Wage Will Help Working Families Succeed."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Management Matters: Creating a 21st Century Government."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Election Administration: Innovation, Administrative Improvements and Cost Savings."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 2 p.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The State of U.S. Retirement Security: Can the Middle Class Afford to Retire?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Superstorm Sandy Recovery: Ensuring Strong Coordination Among Federal, State, and Local Stakeholders."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 12, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 5:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny,

one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 311. An act to direct the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

H.R. 1814. An act to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

H.R. 3474. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

H.R. 3675. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3979. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 2019. An act to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 311. An act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3675. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 10, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving five rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 10, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1086

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 10, 2014,

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 10, 2014,

The motion was agreed to. Whereupon,

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 88, line 8, after "underserved areas" by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2811).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ENZI to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2812).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 98, by striking line 15, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2818).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TOM UDALL, AND Mr. HEINRICH) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 136, by striking lines 8 and 9, and inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2822).

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

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following pending amendments in the following order: amendments Numbered 2812 and 2822; and that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2822 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2812 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 72 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2822 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 6

[Rollcall Vote No. 73 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 6

Cornyn, Lee, Paul, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2818 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill, .

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI (for Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines by striking certain lines and inserting certain words (being amendments en bloc and designated Numbers 2813 and 2814).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. KIRK) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 2824).

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BURR) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2809).

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

Ordered, That, at 5:15 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in "stacked" sequence in relation to the following amendments in the following order: amendment No. 2818, amendment No. 2813, amendment No. 2814, amendment No. 2824.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2809 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of an amendment to be proposed by Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON), the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, James H. Shelton III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, and Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Canada; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2809 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 140, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2837).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2837 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. BURR (for Mr. LEE) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 136, after line 2, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2821).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2821 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. BURR, by unanimous consent, modified the pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2821, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2837 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:15 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2818 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 98, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 74 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar,

Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2813 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2814 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2824 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2837 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

**CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT ACT**

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2837 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2809 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

**SANDIA PUEBLO SETTLEMENT
TECHNICAL AMENDMENT ACT**

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 611) to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

**DEPLORING THE VIOLENT
REPRESSION OF PEACEFUL
DEMONSTRATORS IN VENEZUELA**

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 365) deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2122) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of

the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. CORNYN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 1086.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:43 p.m.,

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Dean Chambers, Associate Pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Elkview, West Virginia, offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge

of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 13, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

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

EC-4927. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas and Imported Oranges; Change in Size Requirements for Oranges" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0009; FV14-906-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4928. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing

Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Change in Size and Grade Requirements for Oranges" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0015; FV14-906-2 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4929. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Base III Conforming Amendments Related to Cross-References, Subordinated Debt and Limits Based on Regulatory Capital" (RIN1557-AD73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4930. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 report (covering trade in calendar year 2012) relative to the impact of the Andean Trade Preference Act on U.S. trade and employment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4931. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions on Archaeological and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Materials from Honduras" (RIN1515-AE00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4932. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 871(m) to Specified Equity-Linked Instruments" (Notice 2014-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4933. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting of Minimum Essential Coverage" ((RIN1545-BL31)(TD 9660)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4934. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying for fiscal year 2014 that no United Nations agency or United Nations affiliated agency grants any

official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4935. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4936. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Strategic Plan for the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal years 2014 - 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4937. A communication from the Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates Report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4938. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Electronic Contracting Initiative (ECI)" (RIN3090-AJ36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4939. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the strategic plan for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal years 2014 through 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4940. A communication from the President of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Annual Report for the year ending September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4941. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Management and Administration and Designated Reporting Official, Office on National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of National Drug Control Policy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4942. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosures to Participate in State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs" (RIN2900-AO45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4943. A communication from the Chairwomen of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Trade Commission Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-2018"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4944. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Kansas City International Airport; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4945. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Houma Navigation Canal, Mile Marker 35.5 to 36.5, and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 59.0 to 60.0, West of Harvey Locks, bank to bank; Houma, Terrebonne Parish, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0880)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4946. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bone Island Triathlon, Atlantic Ocean; Key West, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0905)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4947. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Vessel Movement, Christina River; Wilmington, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4948. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; BWRC Southwest Showdown Three; Parker, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4949. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone for Ice Conditions; Baltimore Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0509)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4950. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Olympus Tension Leg Platform" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0070)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4951. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Potomac and Anacostia Rivers; Washington, D.C." ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1050)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4952. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; On the Water in Kailua Bay, Oahu, HI" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0934)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4953. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; North American International Auto Show; Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4954. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0994)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4955. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Eleventh Coast Guard District Annual Marine Events" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0361)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4956. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Grounds and Safety Zone, Delaware River; Marcus Hook, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1014)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4957. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations: Pacific Ocean at San Nicolas Island, CA; Restricted Anchorage Areas" ((RIN1625-AA01)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0967)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4958. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Alaska Marine Highway System Port Valdez Ferry Terminal, Port Valdez; Valdez, AK" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0365)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4959. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report related to the Colorado River System Reservoirs for

2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4960. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs Report for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4961. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Storage Facility Loan Program; Security Requirements" (RIN0560-AI19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4962. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0271); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

S. 2125. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2126. A bill to launch a national strategy to support regenerative medicine through the establishment of a Regenerative Medicine Coordinating Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2127. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2128. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco,

Texas, as the "Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 2129. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to improve technology transfer at the Department of Energy by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, as well as ensure that public investments in research and development generate the greatest return on investment for taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2130. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to temporarily waive certain vehicle weight limits for covered logging vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2131. A bill to amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to strengthen Coast Guard prevention and response capabilities in the Arctic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2132. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2133. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal antidiscrimination claims; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 2134. A bill to withdraw approval for the drug Zohydro ER and prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from approving such drug unless it is reformulated to prevent abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2135. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that products derived from tar sands are crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2136. A bill to ensure that oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline into the United States is used to reduce United States dependence on Middle Eastern oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2137. A bill to ensure that holders of flood insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program do not receive premium refunds for coverage of second homes; considered and passed.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2138. A bill to provide a payroll tax holiday for newly hired veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2139. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for small business stock, to provide incentives for small business high technology research investment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2140. A bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2141. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2142. A bill to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2143. A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 2144. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply Medicare competitive bidding to vacuum erection systems and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a national mail order program for such devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2145. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. COBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2146. A bill to establish a United States Patent and Trademark Office Innovation Promotion Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2147. A bill to amend Public Law 112-59 to provide for the display of the congressional gold medal awarded to the Montford Point Marines, United States Marine Corps, by the Smithsonian Institution and at other appropriate locations; considered and passed.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2148. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S.J. Res. 34. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WALSH):

S. Res. 383. A resolution designating March 2014 as "National Middle Level Education Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 384. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 385. A resolution expressing the Sense of the Senate regarding the use of electronic devices on the floor of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. Res. 386. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 387. A resolution celebrating the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, in Fairbanks, Alaska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. Res. 388. A resolution designating March 22, 2014, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 389. A resolution designating the week of March 9, 2014, through March 15, 2014, as "National Youth Synthetic Drug Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 390. A resolution designating March 11, 2014, as "World Plumbing Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 391. A resolution designating Jean M. Manning as Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 392. A resolution to authorize document production and representation in Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 56

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 56, a bill to amend

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

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 895

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 895, a bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest

Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1086

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the

Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1729

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide further options with respect to levels of coverage under qualified health plans.

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, supra.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2058

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2058, a bill to establish a loan guarantee program for natural gas distribution grids to be installed in areas with extremely high energy costs.

S. 2059

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2059, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the purchase of heating and cooling equipment which meets the Energy Star program requirements and is used in certain high-cost energy communities, and for other purposes.

S. 2066

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2066, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.

S. 2068

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2068, a bill to provide for the development

and use of technology for personalized handguns, to require that, within 3 years, all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the United States incorporate such technology, and for other purposes.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2069, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2069, supra.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2086, a bill to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2105

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2105, a bill to prohibit the Federal funding of a State firearms ownership database.

S. 2118

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2118, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 33, a concurrent resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

SENATE RESOLUTION 377

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 377, a resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 11 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "The U.S. Aviation Industry and Jobs: Keeping American Manufacturing Competitive."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215, Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Innovative Ideas to Strengthen and Expand the Middle Class."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 11:15 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Keystone XL and the National Interest Determination."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting the Public Health: Examining FDA's Initiatives and Priorities."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Homeland Security Department's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2015."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Tribal Transportation: Pathways to Infrastructure and Economic Development in Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 13, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2015."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 12:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4138. An act to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

At 4:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the

House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

At 7:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

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

H.R. 4138. An act to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811, proposed by Mr. HARKIN, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2830).

Mr. COBURN, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2830, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That, at 12:15 p.m. on today, the Senate vote in relation to the following

amendments in the following order: amendment No. 2830, as modified, amendment No. 2827, amendment No. 2834, amendment No. 2838, amendment No. 2842, amendment No. 2839, as modified.

Ordered further, That no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2830, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HARKIN, by unanimous consent, proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated: amendment No. 2827, Mr. PORTMAN, amendment No. 2834, Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. HOEVEN), amendment No. 2838, Mr. THUNE, amendment No. 2842, Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ), amendment No. 2839, Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI).

Mr. HARKIN, by unanimous consent, modified pending amendment No. 2839.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2839, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following disposition of amendment No. 2839, as modified, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), Joseph Pius Pietrzyk, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, and Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote be 10 minutes in duration.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1086.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2830, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment, as modified.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 100, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 75 Leg.]

YEAS --- 100

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

So the amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2827 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2834 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2838 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2842 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 2839, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TODAY

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 99, by striking all beginning on line 16 through 20, and inserting other words (amendment No. 2845).

Mr. VITTER, by unanimous consent, modified his pending amendment.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2845, as modified, to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

After debate,

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN to reconsider the vote agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

Mr. HARKIN proposed the following amendments on various pages and lines on behalf of the Senators indicated; Mr. PORTMAN, amendment No. 2847; Mr. SANDERS, amendment No. 2846.

The amendments, en bloc, were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2811 to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

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

Ordered, That pending amendment No. 2811 be withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 77 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

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

NAYS --- 1

Lee.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

On motion by Mr. REID to reconsider the vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Subsequently,

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

Ordered, That, on Rollcall Vote No. 77, his vote be changed from "yea" to "nay", thus changing the result to yeas 96, nays 2.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2124

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2124) to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILLS H.R. 3370 and S. 2137

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

Ordered, That, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3370) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; that there be 45 minutes for debate thereon; that the majority control 30 minutes therein; that the minority control 15 minutes therein; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof, with no intervening action or debate; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes for passage.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of bill H.R. 3370, the bill (S. 2137) to ensure that holders of flood insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program do not receive premium refunds for coverage of second homes, introduced on today by Mr. LEE, and at the desk, be read the first and second times, considered, read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof; with no intervening action or debate; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of bill S. 2137, Mr. COBURN be recognized for 30 minutes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2124

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of bill S. 2137, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco, en bloc; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the foregoing order, with no intervening action or debate; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate between the votes; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

HOMEOWNER FLOOD INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARKEY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3370) to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2137

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

Ordered, That the order of today that bill S. 2137 receive 60 yeas votes to pass, be vitiated.

HOMEOWNER FLOOD INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3370.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. MENENDEZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 72, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 78 Leg.]

YEAS --- 72

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy,

Levin, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Alexander, Barrasso, Boozman, Carper, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Hatch, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Risch, Roberts, Shelby, Thune.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUM REFUNDS LIMITATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2137) to ensure that holders of flood insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program do not receive premium refunds for coverage of second homes, introduced on today, by Mr. LEE, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, as pursuant to the order of today; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

The bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2124

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124 be agreed to; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage thereof.

After debate,

Mr. BARRASSO objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 4152

Mr. BARRASSO asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2124

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124:

HARRY REID, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DEBBIE STABENOW, BARBARA BOXER, PATTY MURRAY, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, J.A. MERKLEY, CARL LEVIN, JOE DONNELLY, CHRIS COONS, JACK REED, MARIA CANTWELL, BARBARA MIKULSKI, TOM HARKIN, TIM KAINE, JEANNE SHAHEEN, JON TESTER.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AWARDING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO SHIMON PERES

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1456) to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BENNET) to amend the pending bill on page 4, line 18, by striking "in honor of" and inserting "to" (being amendment No. 2851).

The amendment was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

PROVIDING FOR DISPLAY OF THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. GILLIBRAND in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2147) to amend Public Law 112-59 to provide for the display of the congressional gold medal awarded to the Montford Point Marines, United States Marine Corps, by the Smithsonian Institution and at other appropriate locations, introduced on today by Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

HOME HEATING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE THROUGH TRANSPORTATION ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4076) to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

FOND DU LAC BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA NON-INTERCOURSE ACT

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2650) to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

SUPPORTING UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS RELATIVE TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC CONFLICT

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 375) concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the resolution.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

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

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 376) supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. LEE) to amend the preamble by striking the twelfth whereas clause (being amendment No. 2852).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 193RD
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF GREECE AND
CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY IN
GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 377) recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
REHABILITATION COUNSELORS
APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 388) designating March 22, 2014, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day", submitted today by Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL YOUTH
SYNTHETIC DRUG AWARENESS
WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 389) designating the week of March 9, 2014,

through March 15, 2014, as "National Youth Synthetic Drug Awareness Week", submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING "WORLD PLUMBING
DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 390) designating March 11, 2014, as "World Plumbing Day", submitted today by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BENNET), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

DESIGNATING JEAN M. MANNING
AS CHIEF COUNSEL FOR
EMPLOYMENT EMERITUS OF THE
UNITED STATES SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 391) designating Jean M. Manning as Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the United States Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HATCH), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

AUTHORIZING DOCUMENT
PRODUCTION AND
REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 392) to authorize document production and representation in Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al, submitted today by

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT
OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3370

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 93) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2122) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. CORNYN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2148) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,
The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

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

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

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,
The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

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

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

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING ADJOURNMENT

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards,

conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, March 24, 2014, Mr. KING, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. CASEY be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 9 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014 for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014; that, on Monday, March 24, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 8:15 p.m.,
The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014

Mr. ANGUS S. KING, JR., from the State of Maine, called the Senate to order at 10:31:14 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 14, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 10:31:42 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10:30:12 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 14, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. REED took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, March 13, 2014,

At 10:30:45 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, March 13, 2014, until 9 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

Mr. ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, called the Senate to order at 9:00:02 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 21, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. CASEY took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, March 13, 2014,

At 9:00:33 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, March 13, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 13, 2014,

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

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

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 13, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2148) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on Thursday, March 13, 2014 by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, March 13, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, March 13, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2124

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 13, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, March 13, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2124) to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 13, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 13, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 78, nays... 17

[Rollcall Vote No. 79 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein,

Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 17

Barrasso, Boozman, Coburn, Cochran, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Heller, Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Friday, March 14, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J.Res. 32. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 14, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, March 13, 2014, the joint resolution was subsequently signed on March 14, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. KING).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, March 14, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2650. An act to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

H.R. 3370. An act to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4076. An act to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, March 13, 2014, the bills were subsequently signed on March 15, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REED).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 18, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by one of his secretaries:

TRANSMITTING NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER WITH RESPECT TO UKRAINE -- PM 36

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,
President of the Senate,
Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") expanding the scope of the national emergency I declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Ukraine.

In the order, I find that the actions and policies of the Government of the Russian Federation with respect to Ukraine—including the recent deployment of Russian Federation military forces in the Crimea region of Ukraine—undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets, and thereby constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. The order blocks the property and interests in property of persons listed in an Annex to the order. The order also blocks the property and interests in property of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

- to be an official of the Government of the Russian Federation;
- to operate in the arms and related materiel sector in the Russian Federation;
- to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly:
 - a senior official of the Government of the Russian Federation; or
 - a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; or
 - to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of:
 - a senior official of the Government of the Russian Federation; or
 - a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order.

In addition, the order suspends entry into the United States of any alien determined to meet one or more of the above criteria.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 24, 2012.*

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms.

MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2149. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S. 2150. A bill to advance the public health by encouraging independent innovators to pursue drug repurposing research and develop new treatments and cures by providing appropriate intellectual property protections for those innovations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 393. A resolution supporting the goals of World Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness about tuberculosis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 394. A resolution designating April 5, 2014, as "Gold Star Wives Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a

bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, supra.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1212

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 1242

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1242, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1291

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1291, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 1306

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1574

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1574, a bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers.

S. 1694

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1694, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1767, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1768

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1768, a bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1827

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, supra.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the

screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 1992

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1992, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 2008

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2008, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2024, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2083

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2083, a bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to promote economic growth and job creation in the United States, to strengthen strategic partnerships with allies of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal

Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2105

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2105, a bill to prohibit the Federal funding of a State firearms ownership database.

S. 2106

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2106, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions.

S. 2115

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 2115, a bill to provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

S. 2122

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2122, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 372

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 372, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 390

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 390, a resolution designating March 11, 2014, as "World Plumbing Day".

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 2:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3189. An act to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

H.R. 3973. An act to amend section 530D of title 28, United States Code.

H.R. 4015. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 3189. To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3973. An act to amend section 530D of title 28, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED, BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs pursuant to the order of Monday, January 13, 2014, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1352. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2149) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

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

Pending debate,

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment and morning business count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

Mr. CORY A. BOOKER, from the State of New Jersey, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. BOOKER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 25, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CORY A. BOOKER, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. BOOKER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

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

Ordered, That, on today, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that time during said recess count against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2124) to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2149) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of

the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4963. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0358); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4964. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order further expanding the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, and expanded in Executive Order 13661 of March 16, 2014, with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4965. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4966. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Illinois Shoreline Erosion, Interim III, Wilmette, Illinois, to the Illinois-Indiana State Line (Chicago Shoreline) project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4967. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Western Sarpy and Clear Creek, Nebraska, flood risk reduction project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4968. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's revised Strategic Plan for the period of fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4969. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Idaho State Implementation Plan; Approval of Fine Particulate Matter Control Measures; Franklin County" (FRL No. 9908-38-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4970. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans (Negative Declarations) for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont; Withdrawal of State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: New Hampshire; Technical Corrections to Approved State Plans (Negative Declarations): Rhode Island and Vermont" (FRL No. 9908-37-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4971. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Evansville Area; 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9908-16-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4972. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9907-77-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4973. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Hawaii;

Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9907-73-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4974. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California San Francisco Bay Area and Chico Nonattainment Areas; Fine Particulate Matter Emissions Inventories" (FRL No. 9906-92-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4975. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Reformulated Gasoline Requirements for the Atlanta Covered Area" (FRL No. 9907-91-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4976. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Arizona; Payson PM10 Air Quality Planning Area" (FRL No. 9908-00-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4977. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 9907-79-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4978. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 9908-02-Region 7), received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4979. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Approval of Redesignation Requests of the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standards" (FRL No. 9908-05-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4980. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9908-04-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4981. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Updates to HCFC Trade Language as Applied to Article 5 Countries; Ratification Status of Parties to the Montreal Protocol; and Harmonized Tariff Schedule Commodity Codes" (FRL No. 9906-75-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4982. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Nevada; Infrastructure Requirements for Lead (Pb)" (FRL No. 9908-09-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2151. A bill to enhance the early warning reporting requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 2152. A bill to direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2153. A bill to establish a National Regulatory Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2154. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 2155. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to create a Federal Spectrum Reallocation Commission, to provide for the use of a portion of the proceeds from the auction of reallocated Federal spectrum for deficit reduction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2156. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2157. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 395. A resolution designating the month of April 2014 as "Military and Veterans Caregiver Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary

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

S. Res. 396. A resolution designating March 25, 2014, as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 397. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 398. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Con. Res. 34. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should hold the Russian Federation accountable for being in material breach of its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 200

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 200, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, supra.

S. 738

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to

promote neutrality, simplicity, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1992

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 2008

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2008, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2133

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal antidiscrimination claims.

SENATE RESOLUTION 384

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 384, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Importing Energy, Exporting Jobs. Can it be Reversed?"

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on March 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Teacher Preparation: Ensuring a Quality Teacher in Every Classroom."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Transparency and Training: Preparing our First Responders for Emerging Threats and Hazards."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

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

H.R. 3771. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

At 11:47 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1036. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office".

H.R. 1376. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building".

H.R. 1451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building".

H.R. 1813. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building".

H.R. 2391. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the "Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office".

H.R. 3060. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building".

H.R. 4275. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

At 4:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3771. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

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

H.R. 1036. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1376. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2124

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, March 13, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2124) to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

PHILIPPINES CHARITABLE GIVING
ASSISTANCE ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 6, 2014,

The bill (H.R. 3771) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines having been received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and being identical to bill S. 1821, was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; a motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table; and bill S. 1821 was indefinitely postponed, as pursuant to said order.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, At 12:35 p.m.,

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

AT 2:15 P.M.

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

COOPERATIVE AND SMALL
EMPLOYER CHARITY PENSION
FLEXIBILITY ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, January 28, 2014,

The bill (H.R. 4275) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans having been received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and being identical to bill S. 1302, was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2124

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

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

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2124 having been agreed to, the motion to proceed be withdrawn.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 4152

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

Ordered, That the Senate then proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER); that no other amendment be in order to be proposed; that Budget Act points of order, and motions to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that no other point of order or motion be in order; that, following morning business on Thursday, March 27, 2014, there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the amendment; that, upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

SUPPORT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY,
INTEGRITY, DEMOCRACY, AND
ECONOMIC STABILITY OF
UKRAINE ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2867, in the nature of a substitute).

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session; that,

notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that, if a motion is agreed to, the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 2:30 p.m., time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order that motions to bring to a close debate may be agreed to.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said nominations, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said nomination, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3979

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS
DAY"

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 396) designating March 25, 2014, as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day", submitted today by Mr.

ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
SENATE THAT PUBLIC SERVANTS
SHOULD BE COMMENDED DURING
PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION
WEEK

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 397) expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week, submitted today by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. KAINE), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION
OF RECORDS

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 398) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2157) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid

payments, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. WYDEN, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

Whereupon,

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

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Dr. Daniel McClure, American Legion National Chaplain, of Washington, Iowa, offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 26, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3979

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2157) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. WYDEN, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of

the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4983. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Amendment 5" (RIN 0648-AY47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4984. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 102" (RIN 0648-BD03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4985. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Amendment 95 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish" (RIN 0648-BC39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4986. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD125), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4987. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD134), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4988. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #12 Through #34" (RIN0648-XC964), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4989. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper" (RIN0648-XC984), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4990. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery off the Southern Atlantic States; Closure of the Penaeid Shrimp Fishery off South Carolina" (RIN0648-XD122), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4991. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Maintenance Dredging 35-Foot Channel and Rock Removal; Portland Harbor, Portland, ME" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4992. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Eleventh Coast Guard District Annual Fireworks Events" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0362)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4993. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Havasu Triathlon; Lake Havasu, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4994. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Events Requiring Safety Zones in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1033)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4995. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Terrebonne Bayou, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1072)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4996. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Inner Harbor Navigational Canal, New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0562)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4997. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Great Lakes Pilotage Rates -- 2014 Annual Review and Adjustment" ((RIN1625-AC07)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0534)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4998. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Southern Oahu Tsunami Vessel Evacuation Honolulu, HI" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0080)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4999. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Jackfruit, Pineapple, and Starfruit From Malaysia Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD46)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0019)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5000. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ipconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5001. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Heat-killed *Burkholderia* spp. Strain A396 Cells and Spent Fermentation Media; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9907-41), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5002. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of ten (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5003. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Weapons Council, Department of Defense and Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the nuclear stockpile and stockpile stewardship program requirements for fiscal year 2015 and over the next four years; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5004. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report describing activities under the Secretary of Defense personnel management demonstration project authorities for Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention

Laboratories (STRs) for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5005. A communication from the Director, Joint Staff, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a delay in submission of a report relative to construction requirements related to antiterrorism and force protection or urban training requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5006. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) for the Joint Precision Approach and Landing System (JPALS) Increment 1A program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5007. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Department of Defense (DoD) programs, policies, and procedures regarding security at Department of Defense installations and the security clearance process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5008. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Report (NGRER) for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5009. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense's Evaluation of the TRICARE Program for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5010. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs) transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2014 Department of Defense Annual Report to Congress on Chemical and Biological Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2158. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and physical and other threats and vulnerabilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LEE, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2159. A bill to restore long-standing United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2160. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2161. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from issuing any final rule under the Clean Air Act until the date on which the Administrator improves certain employment effect analyses under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children and to increase the earned income tax credit for childless workers, and to provide for budget offsets; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2163. A bill to establish an emergency watershed protection disaster assistance fund to be available to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance for any natural disaster; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 399. A resolution expressing support for the American GI Forum; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. McCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1336

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1336, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit States to require proof of

citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a delay in the implementation schedule of the reductions in disproportionate share hospital payments, and for other purposes.

S. 1729

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1729, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide further options with respect to levels of coverage under qualified health plans.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1768

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1768, a bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2075, a bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles.

S. 2153

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2153, a bill to establish a National Regulatory Budget, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 17, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 384

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 384, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a

hearing entitled, "Protecting Personal Consumer Information from Cyber Attacks and Data Breaches."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate office building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight Hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Syria After Geneva: Next Steps for U.S. Policy."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships to Reduce Cyber Risks to Our Nation's Critical Infrastructure."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget for Tribal Programs."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 1:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Preventing Medicare Fraud: How Can We Best Protect Seniors and Taxpayers?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Are Alternative Financial Products Serving Consumers?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 26, 2014, at 10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

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

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2824. An act to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes.

At 5:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4275. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving eight rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other

purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment be proposed by him, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS objected.

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute, being the text of bill S. 1982), be proposed by him, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. VITTER objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, PATTY MURRAY, BILL NELSON, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., TAMMY BALDWIN, JON TESTER, TOM UDALL, BERNARD SANDERS, MICHAEL F. BENNET, CHRIS COONS, ELIZABETH WARREN, CHUCK SCHUMER, S. WHITEHOUSE, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, DICK DURBIN, PATRICK J. LEAHY.

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

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following disposition of bill H.R. 4152, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Maria Contreras-Sweet, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

AMERICAN FIGHTER ACES
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
ACT

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1827) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

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

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

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

Resolved, That it pass.

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

CELEBRATING THE 2014 ARCTIC
WINTER GAMES

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 387) celebrating the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

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

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

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

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

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

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine; that, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 7:18 p.m.,

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

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

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 27, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3979**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

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

Pending debate,

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

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

EC-5011. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to Civil Penalty Amounts" (16 CFR Part 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5012. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5013. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Fuel Transportation Program; Alternative Fueled Vehicle Credit Program Modification and Other Amendments" (RIN1904-AB81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5014. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, Bicycling" (RIN1024-AE12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5015. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Academies Review of DOE's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Activities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5016. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Third Party Payment of Qualified Health Plan Premiums" (RIN0938-AS28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5017. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-16), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5018. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to Revenue Procedure 2014-4" (Rev. Proc. 2014-19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5019. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Guidance on Per Capita Distributions Made to Indian Tribe Members from Funds Held in Trust by the Secretary of the Interior" (Notice 2014-17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5020. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting by Applicable Large Employers on Health Insurance Coverage Offered Under Employer-Sponsored Plans" ((RIN1545-BL26)(TD 9661)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5021. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 report of the Department of Health and Human Services' Federal Coordinated Health Care Office; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5022. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Recovery Auditing in the Medicare and Medicaid Program for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5023. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5024. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress

on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5025. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 994. A bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-139).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2164. A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2165. A bill to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2166. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify provisions relating to determinations of full-time equivalent employees for purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2167. A bill to establish a grant program for career education in computer science; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. KING):

S. 2168. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of large employer for purposes of applying the employer mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2169. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2170. A bill to free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2171. A bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2172. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to improve nonretaliation provisions relating to equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2173. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide a permanent path for the direct enrollment of individuals in qualified health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2174. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide greater flexibility in offering health insurance coverage across State lines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2175. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2176. A bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy

of individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2177. A bill to establish an Office of Forensic Science and a Forensic Science Board, to strengthen and promote confidence in the criminal justice system by ensuring scientific validity, reliability, and accuracy in forensic testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2178. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2179. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish benefits for homeless veterans to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces under other than honorable conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2180. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2181. A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2182. A bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 2183. A bill entitled "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions"; considered and passed.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. COATS):

S.J. Res. 35. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to liability under section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the shared responsibility payment for not maintaining minimum essential coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 400. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Great Alaska Earthquake, which struck the State of Alaska at 5:36 p.m. on Good Friday, March 27, 1964, honoring those who lost their lives in the Great Alaska Earthquake and associated tsunamis, and expressing continued support for research on earthquake and tsunami prediction and mitigation strategies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 401. A resolution recognizing Easy Company, 2nd Battalion of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. Res. 402. A resolution expressing the regret of the Senate for the passage of section 3 of the Expatriation Act of 1907 (34 Stat. 1228) that revoked the United States citizenship of women who married foreign nationals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. Res. 403. A resolution condemning the actions of the Government of Turkey in restricting free expression and Internet freedom on social media; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 404. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BENNET, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of

counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 975

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1333, a bill to reinstate funding for the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program.

S. 1343

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1343, a bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1925, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy.

S. 2048

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2048, a bill to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2069, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2127

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2127, a bill to

amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General.

SENATE RESOLUTION 361

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 361, a resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder.

SENATE RESOLUTION 364

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 364, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 369

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 369, a resolution to designate May 22, 2014 as "United States Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and to honor those in the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty.

SENATE RESOLUTION 377

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 377, a resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 27, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on March 27, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "MAP-21 Reauthorization: State and Local Perspectives on Transportation Priorities and Funding."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on March 27, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for Borrowers."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 27, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 27, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to hold an African Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Powering Africa's Future: Examining the Power African Initiative."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND AGENCY ACTION

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights, and Agency Action, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 27, 2014, at 3 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Access to Justice for Those Who Serve."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1228. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building".

H.R. 1459. An act to ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes.

At 2:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4278. An act to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4302. An act to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1228. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1459. An act to ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RELATIVE TO LOAN GUARANTEES FOR UKRAINE

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2867 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. REID for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER), to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. PRYOR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, March 25, 2014,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 98, nays... 2

[Rollcall Vote No. 88 Leg.]

YEAS --- 98

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 2

Heller, Paul.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, March 25, 2014,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDERS FOR EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate

then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination; that, following said vote, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate resume its legislative session; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill H.R. 3979.

Ordered further, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination is agreed to, time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014; that, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday next, the Senate vote on confirmation of said nomination; that, upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate resume its legislative session; that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979 is agreed to (on today), time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, then be considered concluded; and that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to bill H.R. 3979 on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Yemen; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979. The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID, on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 65, nays... 34

[Rollcall Vote No. 90 Leg.]

YEAS --- 65

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 34

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3979
The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979. The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT
ALASKA EARTHQUAKE

On the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 400) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Great Alaska Earthquake, which struck the State of Alaska at 5:36 p.m. on Good Friday, March 27, 1964, honoring those who lost their lives in the Great Alaska Earthquake and associated tsunamis, and expressing continued support for research on earthquake and tsunami prediction and mitigation strategies, submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of today relative to the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979 be modified such that when time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, is concluded, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
HOUSE BILL H.R. 4302

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on Monday, March 31, 2014, following the remarks of the leaders, the chair lay before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4302) to amend the Social Security Act

to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; that the bill be read twice; that the Senate then proceed to consider the bill; that Budget Act points of order, and motions to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that there be no amendment, other point of order, or motion in order to the bill; that the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, notwithstanding the order of today, following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of John B. Owens on Monday next, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 4302; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas to pass; and that, upon disposition of bill H.R. 4302, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979, as pursuant to the order of today.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

UNITED STATES PROGRAMMING
TO UKRAINE AND NEIGHBORING
REGIONS

On the request of Mr. KING,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRANKEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2183) United States international programming to Ukraine and neighboring regions, introduced on today by Mr. MCCONNELL, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "MILITARY AND VETERANS CAREGIVER MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 395) designating the month of April 2014 as "Military and Veterans Caregiver Month."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, on recommendation of the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, had appointed the following individuals to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Mary Ann Glendon, of Massachusetts, and M. Zuhdi Jasser, of Arizona.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 4302, as pursuant to the order of today; that, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John B. Owens; and that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Ms. MURKOWSKI.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 6:19 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, March 31, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4302) to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid

programs, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, March 27, 2014, and remaining undisposed; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014, when the Senate resumes its legislative session following disposition of the nomination of John B. Owens, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2157) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate; and that, upon disposition of bill S. 2157, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 4302, pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014.

After debate,

Mr. SESSIONS objected.

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to immediately consider the bill (S. 2122) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 4302.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending bill violates section 201(a) of concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget resolutions, for purpose of consideration of the pending bill.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014, when the Senate resumes its legislative session upon disposition of the nomination of John B. Owens, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 2157; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be proposed and agreed to; the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as thus amended, with no intervening action or debate; and that, upon disposition of said bill, the Senate resume consideration of pending bill H.R. 4302, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014.

Mr. HATCH objected.

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider bill S. 2122; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014,

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 4302.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget resolutions for consideration of the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That each of the following votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and Budget resolutions for consideration of the bill.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 64, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 92 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014,

The bill was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. JOHANNS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of the passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 64, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 93 Leg.]

YEAS --- 64

Ayotte, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 35

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Boozman, Carper, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Klobuchar, Lee, McCain, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Warner, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3979

Pursuant to the order of Thursday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, March 27, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider bill H.R. 3979; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 27, 2014, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII the Standing Rules of the Senate was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

PROTECTING ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK) to amend (perfect) the pending bill by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2874).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending (perfecting) amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2875).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 2876).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending (perfecting) amendment No. 2874; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do

hereby move to bring to a close debate on (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 to bill H.R. 3979:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, PATRICK J. LEAHY, TOM CARPER, ELIZABETH WARREN, TAMMY BALDWIN, ED MARKEY, CHRIS COONS, T.R. HARKIN, CORY BOOKER, TOM UDALL, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, BARBARA BOXER, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CHRIS MURPHY, AL FRANKEN, BERNARD SANDERS.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 2877).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 2878).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 2879).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 2879) contained in the pending motion to commit, by striking "4 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 2880).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "5 days," and inserting "6 days" (being amendment No. 2881).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3979:

HARRY REID, JACK REED, PATRICK J. LEAHY, TOM CARPER, ELIZABETH WARREN, TAMMY BALDWIN, ED MARKEY, CHRIS COONS, T.R. HARKIN, CORY BOOKER, TOM UDALL, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, BARBARA BOXER, ANGUS S. KING, JR., CHRIS MURPHY, AL FRANKEN, BERNARD SANDERS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorums under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2881 to amendment No. 2880 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2879) contained in the motion to commit.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1737

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1737) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 404

Mr. MENENDEZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 404) honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. SESSIONS objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5026. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-181); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5028. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-167); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-184); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5030. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-162); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5031. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-185); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5032. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the danger pay allowance for Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5034. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0014 - 2014-0019); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5036. A communication from the Prime Minister, Kurdistan Regional Government, transmitting, a request that the Obama Administration remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) from the Foreign Terrorist Organizations list; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5037. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Access to NEH Records Under the Freedom of Information Act" (RIN3136-AA32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5038. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Benzoic Acid" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-1100), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5039. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drug Applications; Confidentiality of Data and Information in a New Animal Drug Application File" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0108), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5040. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basic Health Program: State Administration of Basic Health Programs;...Trust Fund and Financial Integrity" (RIN0938-AR93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5041. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicare Care Management Performance (MCMP) Demonstration"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5042. A communication from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2015" (RIN0938-AR89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5043. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0002; FV14-932-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5044. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Potatoes From Mexico" ((RIN0579-AD78)(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0037)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5045. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Agency's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5046. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5047. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014-2018 and the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2013 and Annual Performance Plan for fiscal years 2014-2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5048. A communication from the Chief Human Resources Officer, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Postal Service's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5049. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's Strategic Plan for 2014-2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5050. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the No FEAR Act for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5051. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5052. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Director's Semiannual Report to Congress on Management Decisions for the periods from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, and April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5053. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Understandings Reached at the June 2013 Australia Group (AG) Plenary Meeting and the December 2012 AG Intersessional Decisions" (RIN0694-AG04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5054. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Regulatory Program" (Docket No. WY-044-FOR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5055. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN 1029-AC67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5056. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3366-EM in the State of West Virginia having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5057. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-291, "Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Support Technical Clarification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5058. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-292, "Vending Regulations Temporary Amendment Act of

2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5059. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-300, "Classroom Animal for Education Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5060. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5061. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5062. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5063. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5064. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26,

2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5065. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, U. S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5066. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Amendment to the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Regulations" (RIN2577-AC91), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2014; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5067. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the compliance of federal district courts with documentation submission requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5068. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the third quarter of fiscal year 2013 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5069. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Arms, Ammunition and Defense Articles--Removal of Certain Defense Articles Currently on the U.S. Munitions Import List That No Longer Warrant Import Control Under the Arms Export Control Act" (RIN1140-AA45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5070. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014 through 2019; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5071. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Dental Insurance Program-Federalism" (RIN2900-AO85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5072. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program: Changes Related to the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012" (RIN2900-AO87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 404. A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (Rept. No. 113-140).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1044. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944 (Rept. No. 113-141).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2184. A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in The Dalles, Oregon, as the "Loren R. Kaufman Memorial Veterans' Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2185. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2186. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum Medicare payment rate for primary care

services furnished by primary care physicians; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2187. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2188. A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 405. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, as "National Assistant Principals Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 406. A resolution designating April 4, 2014, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY,

Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 407. A resolution honoring former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and

coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNNS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to

provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare program.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2008

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2008, a bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 2094, a bill to provide for the

establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2121

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2121, a bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005.

S. 2122

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2122, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2122, supra.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2153

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2153, a bill to establish a National Regulatory Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 2157

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2157, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes.

S. 2161

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2161, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from issuing any final rule under the Clean Air Act until the date on which the Administrator improves certain employment effect analyses under that Act.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 384

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 384, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

SENATE RESOLUTION 403

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 403, a resolution condemning the actions of the Government of Turkey in restricting free expression and Internet freedom on social media.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 31, 2014, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Management Matters: Creating a 21st Century Government—Part II, Outside Views."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That a motion to reconsider the vote on the confirmation of the nomination of John B. Owens be considered made and laid on the table; and that the President be notified of the Senate's action thereon.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF "NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS WEEK"

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 405) expressing support for the designation of the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, as "National Assistant Principals Week", submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES DAY"

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 406) designating April 4, 2014, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day", submitted today by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. PRYOR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING FORMER SENATOR AND REAR ADMIRAL JEREMIAH ANDREW DENTON, JR.

On the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 407) honoring former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr., submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN,

Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3979.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

At 8:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 407, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Jeremiah A. Denton, and under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 1737

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1737) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

RELATIVE TO CERTIFICATION THAT
ICELAND NATIONALS CONDUCTING
WHALING ACTIVITIES DIMINISH THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONVENTION
ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN
ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD
FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES) -- PM 37

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

To the Congress of the United States:

On January 31, 2014, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell certified under section 8 of the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967 (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978), that nationals of Iceland are conducting trade in whale meat and products that diminishes the effectiveness of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). This message constitutes my notification to the Congress consistent with subsection (b) of the Pelly Amendment.

This is the third certification by United States Government agencies of Iceland for their continued whaling activities. In 2004, Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans made a certification regarding Iceland under the Pelly Amendment because its scientific whaling program diminished the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). When Iceland resumed commercial whaling in 2006, Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez continued Iceland's certification. In 2011, Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke increased actions to be taken by members of the Cabinet, Federal departments and agencies, and U.S. delegations by again certifying Iceland for diminishing the effectiveness of the IWC.

A single Icelandic company, Hvalur hf, conducts fin whaling. Iceland does not consume most of these fin whales; rather, they are exported, mainly to Japan. Iceland's commercial harvest of fin whales escalated dramatically in 2009 and 2010, was suspended in 2011 and 2012 due to difficulties in the Japanese market after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, and resumed in 2013. Between 1987 and 2008, Iceland hunted a total of 7 fin whales. In 2009, Iceland hunted 125 fin whales, followed by 148 in 2010, zero in the years 2011-2012, and 134 fin whales in 2013. On December 16, 2013, Iceland set its 2014-2019 fin whale quota at 154 fin whales per year, an increase in its previous yearly whaling quota. According to the IWC, a harvest of 46 fin whales in the North Atlantic is biologically sustainable.

Iceland's actions jeopardize the survival of the fin whale, which is listed in CITES among the species most threatened with extinction, and they undermine multilateral

efforts to ensure greater worldwide protection for whales. Specifically, Iceland's continued commercial whaling and recent trade in whale products diminish the effectiveness of CITES because: (1) Iceland's commercial harvest of fin whales undermines the goal of CITES to ensure that international trade in species of animals and plants does not threaten their survival in the wild; and (2) Iceland's current fin whale harvest and quota exceeds catch levels that the IWC's scientific body advised were sustainable.

In her letter of January 31, 2014, Secretary Jewell expressed her concern for Iceland's actions, and I share these concerns. Just as the United States made the transition from a commercial whaling nation to a whale watching nation, we must enhance our engagement to facilitate this change by Iceland.

To ensure that this issue continues to receive the highest level of attention, I have directed: (1) relevant U.S. agencies to raise concerns with Iceland's trade in whale parts and products in appropriate CITES fora and processes, and, in consultation with other international actors, to seek additional measures to reduce such trade and enhance the effectiveness of CITES; (2) relevant senior Administration officials and U.S. delegations meeting with Icelandic officials to raise U.S. objections to commercial whaling and Iceland's ongoing trade in fin whale parts and products and to urge a halt to such action, including immediate notification of this position to the Government of Iceland; (3) the Department of State and other relevant agencies to encourage Iceland to develop and expand measures that increase economic opportunities for the nonlethal uses of whales in Iceland, such as responsible whale watching activities and educational and scientific research activities that contribute to the conservation of whales; (4) the Department of State to re-examine bilateral cooperation projects, and where appropriate, to base U.S. cooperation with Iceland on the Icelandic government changing its whaling policy, abiding by the IWC moratorium on commercial whaling, and not engaging in trade in whale parts and products in a manner that diminishes the effectiveness of CITES; (5) the Department of State to inform the Government of Iceland that the United States will continue to monitor the activities of Icelandic companies that engage in commercial whaling and international trade in whale parts and products; (6) Cabinet secretaries and other senior Administration officials to evaluate the appropriateness of visits to Iceland in light of Iceland's resumption of fin whaling and ongoing trade in fin whale parts and products; (7) relevant departments and agencies to examine other options for responding to continued whaling by Iceland; and (8) all relevant departments and agencies

to report on their actions, within 6 months of certification, and any updates as needed beyond, through the Departments of State and the Interior. In addition, previous Pelly certifications of Iceland, and the direction to take actions pursuant to those certifications, remain in effect. I concur with the recommendation, as presented by the Secretary of the Interior, to pursue the use of non-trade measures and that the actions outlined above are the appropriate course of action to address this issue. Accordingly, I am not directing the Secretary of the Treasury to impose trade measures on Icelandic products for the whaling activities that led to the certification by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Departments of State, Commerce, and the Interior will continue to monitor and encourage Iceland to revise its policies regarding commercial whaling. Further, within 6 months, I have directed relevant departments and agencies to report to me through the Departments of State, Commerce, and the Interior on their actions. I believe that continuing focus on Icelandic whaling activities is needed to encourage Iceland to halt commercial whaling and support international conservation efforts.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 1, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5073. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning of Video Programming; Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Petition for Rulemaking" (FCC 13-118), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5074. A communication from the General Attorney, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Supplemental Definition of 'Strong Sensitizer'" (Docket No. CPSC-2013-0010), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5075. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine

Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Air Force Launches, Aircraft and Helicopter Operations, and Harbor Activities Related to Launch Vehicles From Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California" (RIN0648-BD62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5076. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stage 3 Helicopter Noise Certification Standards" ((RIN2120-AJ96)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0948)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5077. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Helicopter Air Ambulance, Commercial Helicopter, and Part 91 Helicopter" ((RIN2120-AJ53)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0982)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5078. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (93); Amdt. No. 3578" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5079. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (16); Amdt. No. 3575" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5080. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (10); Amdt. No. 3576" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5081. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (35); Amdt. No. 3577" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5082. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Wheeling, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0955)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5083. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; St. Paul, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0954)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5084. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; St. Joseph, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0917)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5085. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Macon, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0552)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5086. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Georgetown, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0592)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5087. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Philip, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0916)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5088. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hamilton, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0593)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5089. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lapeer, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0174)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5090. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lawrenceville, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0590)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5091. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hampton, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0585)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5092. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mansfield, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0842)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5093. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Brunet, TX" ((RIN2120-

AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0594)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5094. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Eagle, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0777)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5095. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Class E Airspace; Leesburg, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0085)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5096. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Brevig Mission, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0078)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5097. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Central, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0017)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5098. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0670)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5099. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; B-N Group Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0924)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5100. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0705)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5101. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DORNIER LUFTFAHRT GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0962)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5102. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0090)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5103. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter France) (Airbus Helicopters)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0351)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5104. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.P.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0964)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5105. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0831)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5106. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Slingsby Aviation Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0997)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5107. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0695)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5108. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Augusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0886)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5109. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0643)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5110. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter France) (Airbus Helicopters)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0770)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5111. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0687)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5112. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0562)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5113. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0466)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5114. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0937)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5115. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0694)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5116. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; 328 Support Services GmbH (Type Certificate Previously Held by AvCraft Aerospace GmbH; Fairchild Dornier GmbH; Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0702)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5117. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-

1226)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5118. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0125)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5119. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0866)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5120. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0830)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5121. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0547)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5122. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0381)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5123. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0035)), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on March 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5124. A communication from the Attorney, General Affairs Division, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Bedside Sleepers" (Docket No. CPSC-2012-0067), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5125. A communication from the Attorney, General Affairs Division, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Carriages and Strollers" (Docket No. CPSC-2013-0019), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5126. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act; Miscellaneous Rules" (16 CFR Part 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5127. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Adjustment of Georges Bank and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder Annual Catch Limits" (RIN0648-XD081), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5128. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish Longline Component" (RIN0648-XD118), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5129. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2014 and 2015 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; Final Rule" (RIN0648-XC895), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5130. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Commercial, Limited Entry Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Program Improvement and Enhancement; Correction" (RIN0648-BD31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5131. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD133), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5132. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Amendment 14" (RIN0648-AY26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5133. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD116), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5134. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD160), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5135. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive

Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Trawl Catcher Vessels in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD148), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5136. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD157), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5137. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-XD159), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5138. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD117), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5139. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD158), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-204. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota petitioning the United States Congress to reauthorize federally provided terrorism reinsurance for insurers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1019

Whereas, insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, produced insured losses larger than any other man-made event in United States history, with claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaling some \$32.5 billion, making this the second most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, the sheer enormity of the terrorist-induced loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, the lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance; and

Whereas, the United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-297 (TRIA), in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-144, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-160 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, under TRIPRA the federal government provides such reinsurance after industry-wide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed one hundred million dollars; and

Whereas, coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to twenty percent of the insurer's previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, after an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays fifteen percent of residual losses and the federal government pays the remaining eighty-five percent; and

Whereas, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of one hundred billion dollars of aggregate insured losses, beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup one hundred percent of the benefits provided under the program via policy holder surcharges to the extent the

aggregate insured losses are less than twenty-seven billion five hundred million dollars and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, without question, TRIA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, the presence of a robust private and public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, without a program such as TRIPRA, many of our citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism to support our economy; and

Whereas, unfortunately, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the United States Congress and the President of the United States reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program.

POM-205. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to provide full, sustainable funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program for fiscal year 2015 and into the future; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL NO. 1006

Whereas, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of federal lands located within a county; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona is composed of 113,417 square miles of land, of which 42% is federally owned, nontribal land that is unavailable for economic development and not part of the property tax base. Less than 17% of the land in Arizona is private land; and

Whereas, the national average PILT payment in fiscal year 2013 was \$0.66 per acre, which is far below the amount that federal lands would return through both value-based taxation and economic development; and

Whereas, counties are required to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency services, road building and maintenance, and other community services on, or associated with, tax-exempt federal public lands; and

Whereas, Congress failed to provide funding for the PILT program in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, jeopardizing \$32 million in PILT funding for Arizona counties and causing great uncertainty about county finances and services in fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015; and

Whereas, a one-year extension of PILT funding for fiscal year 2014 was included in the farm bill conference report, but the fate of fiscal year 2015 funding is still unknown; and

Whereas, a lack of PILT funding places the large, unsustainable burden of providing services on federal lands squarely on the backs of local county taxpayers, while the presence of that federal land creates barriers to further economic opportunities; and

Whereas, failure to secure PILT funding for fiscal year 2015 and into the future for Arizona counties in a timely manner will critically impact the budget process and structural solvency of counties and will substantially compromise their ability to provide essential services; and

Whereas, the federal government has the duty to reimburse local jurisdictions for the presence of federal public lands.

Wherefore, Your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress provide full, sustainable funding for the PILT program for fiscal year 2015 and into the future to help create financial stability within Arizona's counties.

2. That the United States Congress work with the State of Arizona and county governments to identify and implement policies to promote economic development on, or associated with, public lands.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-206. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio commending Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and Ohio and supporting Israel in its legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense on the entirety

of its own lands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 340

Whereas, Israel has been granted its lands under and through the oldest recorded deed, the Old Testament, a tome of scripture held sacred and revered by Jews and Christians. The claim and presence of the Jewish people in Israel have remained constant throughout the past 4,000 years of history; and

Whereas, The legal basis for the establishment of the modern State of Israel was a binding act of international law established in the San Remo Resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently affirmed by both houses of the United States Congress. This resolution affirmed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in the historical region of the Land of Israel. In addition, Article 80 of the United Nations charter recognized the continued validity of the rights granted to states or peoples that already existed under international instruments. Thus, the San Remo Resolution remains valid, and the 650,000 Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately; and

Whereas, Israel declared its independence and self-governance on May 14, 1948, with the goal of reestablishing its God-given and legally recognized lands as a homeland for the Jewish people; and

Whereas, The United States, having been the first to recognize Israel as an independent nation and as Israel's principal ally, has enjoyed a close and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel and its people. Israel is the greatest friend and ally of our country in the Middle East, and the values of our two nations are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate one from the other; and

Whereas, There are those in the Middle East who have continually sought to destroy Israel from the time of its inception as a state, and those same enemies of Israel also hate and seek to destroy the United States; and

Whereas, The State of Ohio and Israel have enjoyed cordial and mutually beneficial relations since 1948, a friendship that continues to strengthen with each passing year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, commend Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and Ohio and support Israel in its legal, historical, and moral right of self-governance and self-defense on the entirety of its own lands, thus recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others and that peace can be afforded

the region only through a whole and united Israel; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

POM-207. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to take a stronger role in investigating and eliminating delays in veterans' health care; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 300

Whereas, The men and women who serve our country deserve our utmost respect and appreciation. Many of them are injured in the line of duty and come home to face challenging physical disabilities and other health issues. These veterans need our continued support after they have left active service. All veterans are entitled to the best health care we can give them; and

Whereas, Several VA facilities have a backlog of patients waiting for colonoscopies or endoscopies, necessary procedures for diagnosing cancers of the colon and digestive tract. As many as 7,000 veterans have been on the backlog list, often waiting over a year while experiencing pain and other symptoms that could not be properly treated without proper diagnosis; and

Whereas, At least 19 veterans have died due to delays in commonly used medical screenings, such as colonoscopies. Although the backlog problem was uncovered as early as July of 2011, little progress has been made in increasing the numbers of veterans who receive the necessary medical procedures: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to take a stronger role in investigating and eliminating delays in veterans' health care; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-208. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Butler, New Jersey, requesting the investment of additional funding to maintain highways and improve the transportation infrastructure in

the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 864. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-142).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 970. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Act (Rept. No. 113-143).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 724. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles (Rept. No. 113-144).

H.R. 1206. A bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-145).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2189. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and extend the deduction for new and existing energy-efficient commercial buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BURR, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2190. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2191. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2192. A bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2193. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2194. A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2195. A bill to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has engaged in espionage activities against the United States, poses a threat to United States national security interests, or has engaged in a terrorist activity against the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2196. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to limit the liability of health care professionals who volunteer to provide health care services in response to a disaster; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2197. A bill to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper

advertising of Senate stationery contracts; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REID, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2198. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California and other Western States due to drought, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 2199. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. JOHANNIS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 408. A resolution supporting the designation of April as "Parkinson's Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 104

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 104, a bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to

require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of

S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1422

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1422, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1737, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers

performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1999

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1999, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2000

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2000, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2021

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2021, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

S. 2055

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2055, a bill to allow for the collection of certain user fees by non-Federal entities.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2075, a bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

S. 2087

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2087, a bill to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2109, a bill to eliminate duplicative, outdated, or unnecessary Congressionally mandated Federal agency reporting.

S. 2163

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2163, a bill to establish an emergency watershed protection disaster assistance fund to be available to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance for any natural disaster.

S. 2176

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2176, a bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2178, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

SENATE RESOLUTION 384

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 384, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

SENATE RESOLUTION 404

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 404, a resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 1, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 1, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 1, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Access to Justice: Ensuring Equal Pay with the Paycheck Fairness Act."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 1, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Judicial nominations.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 1, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Caterpillar's Offshore Tax Strategy."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 1, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 1, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4302. An act to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

AUTHORITY FOR "FILING" OF FIRST-DEGREE AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 3979

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to bill H.R. 3979 until 2:30 p.m. on today.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of yesterday, at 2:15 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Colombia, and Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor; that there be 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:46 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Kevin Whitaker, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of John P. Carlin to be an Assistant Attorney General, without intervening action or debate; and that other provisions of the order of today remain in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2881, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2880, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2879) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to

consider the nominations of Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Portia Y. Wu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Deborah L. Bix, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each nomination; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes; that each vote after the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "JAN KARSKI DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 371) honoring the legacy of Jan Karski by designating April 24, 2014, as "Jan Karski Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to amend the pending resolution on page 2, by striking all beginning on line 2 through line 3, page 3, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 2956).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. MENENDEZ), so as to read "A resolution honoring the legacy and accomplishments of Jan Karski on the centennial of his birth."

DESIGNATING "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 408) supporting the

designation of April as "Parkinson's Awareness Month", submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. JOHANNIS, and Mr. ISAKSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL
9 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR
PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3979; and that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" second degree amendments to bill H.R. 3979 until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2198) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California and other Western States due to drought, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REID, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. STABENOW), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes, introduced today by Ms. MIKULSKI, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 2, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 1737**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1737) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2198) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California and other Western States due to drought, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REID, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. STABENOW), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Ms. MIKULSKI, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of

the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**PROTECTING VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS ACT**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2881, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2880, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2879), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2931).

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2881 to amendment No. 2880 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2879) contained in the motion to commit.

Pending debate,

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2931).

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2881 to amendment No. 2880 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 2879) contained in the motion to commit.

Pending debate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, March 31, 2014, to bring to a close debate on pending (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 31, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 61, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 96 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions (designated amendment No. 2879), and amendments Numbered 2880 and 2881 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

Pending amendments Numbered 2877, 2878 thereto, and 2876 (to amendment No. 2875) also fell, being inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the offering of amendments, their number, degree, and kind.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2875 to (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 to the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) stated that amendment Nos. 2877 and 2878 thereto were in order, and are again pending.

The question then being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2905).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Mr. HATCH asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2906).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

Mr. BLUNT asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2885).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

Mr. MORAN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2911).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

**OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 3521**

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment be proposed, by him, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS objected.

**PROTECTING VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS ACT**

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

**OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1950**

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute), being the text of the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes, be proposed by him, and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a

motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. VITTER objected.

**PROTECTING VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS ACT**

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

Mr. FLAKE asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2935).

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2910).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Mr. THUNE asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2895).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

Mr. HOEVEN asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2891).

Mr. REED objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO to lay pending amendment No. 2878 on the table.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 46, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 97 Leg.]

YEAS --- 46

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 50

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

On motion by Mr. VITTER to amend the pending (perfecting) amendment No. 2874, at the appropriate place, by inserting words (being amendment No. 2931).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) ruled that the amendment was not in order to be proposed as it was inconsistent with the Senate's precedents with respect to the offering of amendments, their number, degree and kind.

Mr. VITTER appealed to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the pending appeal.

On motion by Mr. REID to lay the pending appeal on the table.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the pending motion.

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 67, nays... 29

[Rollcall Vote No. 98 Leg.]

YEAS --- 67

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer,

Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

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Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

**PROTECTING VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS ACT**

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Pending debate,

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, April 2, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1557. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5140. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report Pursuant to Section 1304 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014: Strategy to Modernize Cooperative Threat Reduction and Prevent the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Related Materials in the Middle East and North Africa Region" (OSS-2014-0461); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5141. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Global Defense Posture Report" (OSS-2014-0462); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5142. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report concerning military assistance and military exports (OSS-2014-0460); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5143. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Data Repositories--Access to SDR Data by Market Participants" (RIN3038-AE14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5144. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clomazone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5145. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S-metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5146. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5147. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forchlorfenuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5148. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Extension of Pilot Program on Acquisition of Military-Purpose Nondevelopmental Items" ((RIN0750-AI28)-(DFARS Case 2014-D007)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5149. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Performance-Based Payments" ((RIN0750-AH54)(DFARS Case 2011-D045)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5150. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 annual report relative to the STARBASE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5151. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the utilization of a contribution to the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5152. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael Ferriter, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5153. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Annual Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5154. A joint communication from the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to maintaining the EP-3E Airborne Reconnaissance Integrated Electronic System II and Special Projects Aircraft platform in a manner that meets the

intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements in performance and support of the Combatant Commanders; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5155. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5156. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5157. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2013 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5158. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5159. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5160. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5161. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5162. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equal Access to Justice Act Implementation Rule" ((RIN3170-AA27)(Docket No. CFPB-2012-0020)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5163. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5164. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving Wells Fargo, N.A. and the Export-Import Bank's Working Capital Guarantee Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5165. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Area" (FRL No. 9904-75-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5166. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9904-83-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5167. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9908-25-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5168. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Reading 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9908-50-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5169. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan; PSD Rules for PM2.5" (FRL No. 9908-72-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5170. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kraft Pulp Mills NSPS Review" (FRL No. 9907-37-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5171. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Revision to the Regulatory Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds - Exclusion of 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanal (AMP)" (FRL No. 9906-73-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5172. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Carbon Monoxide Second Limited Maintenance Plan for the Pittsburgh Area" (FRL No. 9908-48-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5173. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9908-46-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5174. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Conflict of Interest" (FRL No. 9909-01-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5175. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the Minor New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP); Types of Standard Permits, State Pollution Control Project Standard Permit and Control Methods for the Permitting of Grandfathered and Electing Electric Generating Facilities" (FRL No. 9908-27-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5176. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of States' Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Volatility Standard in Florida, and the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Areas in North Carolina" (FRL No. 9908-13-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5177. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units" (FRL No. 9908-89-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5178. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Approval of the Redesignation Requests and the Associated Maintenance Plans of the Charleston Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standards" (FRL No. 9908-88-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5179. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on the Taxation of Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits in Calendar Years 2005 through 2009"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5180. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Issuance of Opinion and Advisory Letters for Pre-approved Defined Contribution Plans for the Second Six-Year Cycle, Deadline for Employer Adoption, and Opening of Determination Letter Program for Pre-approved Plan Adopters" (Announcement 2014-16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5181. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Payor to Perform Acts Required of an Employer" ((RIN1545-BJ31)(TD 9662)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5182. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility for Premium Tax Credit for Victims of Domestic Abuse" (Notice 2014-23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5183. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Postponement of Deadline for Making an Election to Deduct for the Preceding Taxable Year Losses Attributable to Colorado Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides" (Notice 2014-20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5184. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 911(d)(4) - 2013 Update" (Rev. Proc. 2014-25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5185. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shared Responsibility for Employers Regarding Health Coverage" ((RIN1545-BL33)(TD 9655)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5186. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-143); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5187. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-001); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5188. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-010); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5189. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-004); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5190. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5191. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Vitamin D2 Bakers Yeast" (Docket No. FDA-2009-F-0570), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5192. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food" (Docket No. FDA-1999-F-2405), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5193. A communication from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that includes recommendations for improving federally and privately funded Alzheimer's programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5194. A communication from the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad Retirement Board's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and

Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5195. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5196. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Proliferation Security Initiative budget plan and review for fiscal years 2012-2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5197. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Metropolitan Police Department First Amendment Investigations Substantially Complied with District Law"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5198. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5199. A communication from the Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5200. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5201. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Proliferation Security Initiative budget plan and review for fiscal years 2012-2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5202. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Litigation and

Compliance Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5203. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 384. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2200. A bill to provide debit card holders with consumer protections equivalent to those available to credit card holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2201. A bill to limit the level of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2202. A bill to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 409. A resolution congratulating the Penn State University wrestling team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate

Athletic Association Wrestling Championships; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety.

S. 445

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to improve security at State and local courthouses.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1342

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1342, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1410, a bill to

focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2118

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2118, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles.

S. 2171

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2171, a bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2194

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 2194, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 2198

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2198, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California and other Western States due to drought, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 18, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 364

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 364, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 369

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 369, a resolution to designate May 22, 2014 as "United States Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and to honor those in the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty.

SENATE RESOLUTION 384

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 384, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and

development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 2, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Examining the GM Recall and NHTSA's Defect Investigation Process."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 2, 2014, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Data Breach on the Rise: Protecting Personal Information From Harm."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 2, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 2, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 2, 2014, at 9:15 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 2, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4152) to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1557. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

S. 2183. An act United States international programming to Ukraine and neighboring regions.

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2413. An act to prioritize and redirect NOAA resources to a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to deliver substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, such as those associated with hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, floods, storm surges, and wildfires, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4005. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 88. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 92. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

At 2:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1557. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

H.R. 4152. An act to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine.

At 4:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2183. An act United States international programming to Ukraine and neighboring regions.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2413. To prioritize and redirect NOAA resources to a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to deliver substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, such as those associated with hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, floods, storm surges, and wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4005. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4278. An act to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

CONGRATULATING THE PENN
STATE WRESTLING TEAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 409) congratulating the Penn State University wrestling team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championships, submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3979; and that time during adjournment count against time for debate,

pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 to bill H.R. 3979.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 3, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 2877, proposed by Mr. REID, to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874, proposed by Mr. REID for Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK), to the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m. on today, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 be concluded; and that amendment Nos. 2875, 2877, and 2878 then be withdrawn.

Ordered further, That Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, then be recognized to raise a Budget Act point of order against (perfecting) amendment No. 2874; that Mrs. MURRAY, or her designee, then be recognized to make a motion to waive; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to waive; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2874.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said (perfecting) amendment, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on pending bill H.R. 3979; that, if said motion is agreed to, no other amendment or motion be in order; that, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, time for debate on the bill, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; that the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on the passage of the bill, as may be amended.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 2878 to amendment No. 2877 to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. SESSIONS raised a point of order, viz, that pending (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 violates section 311(b) of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing on the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

Pending amendments Numbered 2877, 2878 thereto, and 2875 to (perfecting) amendment No. 2874, were withdrawn.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 60, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 99 Leg.]

YEAS --- 60

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 36

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to (perfecting) amendment No. 2874 to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, March 31, 2014, to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3979.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, March 31, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 61, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 100 Leg.]

YEAS --- 61

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 2259

Mr. WALSH asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 2259) to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 255

Mr. WALSH asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 255) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment be agreed to, that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

GREEN MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT
By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 404) to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the bill.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, April 3, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2183. A bill entitled "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions".

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN
EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A
NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO SOUTH SUDAN -- PM 38

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in and in relation to South Sudan.

The order does not target the country of South Sudan, but rather is aimed at persons who threaten the peace, stability, or security of South Sudan; commit human rights abuses against persons in South Sudan; or undermine democratic processes or institutions in South Sudan. The order provides authority for blocking the property and interests in property of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

To be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, directly or indirectly, any of the following in or in relation to South Sudan:

actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of South Sudan;

actions or policies that threaten transitional agreements or undermine democratic processes or institutions in South Sudan;

actions or policies that have the purpose or effect of expanding or extending the conflict in South Sudan or obstructing reconciliation or peace talks or processes;

the commission of human rights abuses against persons in South Sudan;

the targeting of women, children, or any civilians through the commission of acts of violence (including killing, maiming, torture, or rape or other sexual violence), abduction, forced displacement, or attacks on schools, hospitals, religious sites, or locations where civilians are seeking refuge, or through conduct that would constitute a serious abuse or violation of human rights or a violation of international humanitarian law;

the use or recruitment of children by armed groups or armed forces in the context of the conflict in South Sudan;

the obstruction of the activities of international peacekeeping, diplomatic, or humanitarian missions in South Sudan, or of the delivery or distribution of, or access to, humanitarian assistance; or

attacks against United Nations missions, international security presences, or other peacekeeping operations;

To be a leader of (i) an entity, including any government, rebel militia, or other group, that has, or whose members have, engaged in any of the activities described above or (ii) an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order;

To have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, any activity described above or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; or

To be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 3, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5204. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Security Education Program for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5205. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report entitled "Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) 2013 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5206. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates-Research and Development Contracting" ((RIN0750-AI10)(DFARS Case 2013-D026)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5207. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates-Quality Assurance" ((RIN0750-AH95)(DFARS Case 2013-D004)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5208. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of the Revised Capital Framework to the Capital Plan and Stress Test Rules" (RIN7100-AE-01 and RIN7100-AE-02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5209. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 560), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5210. A communication from the Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on recruitment and retention, training and workforce development, and workforce flexibilities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5211. A communication from the Executive Director of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2013 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5212. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments: Removal of Rules Transferred to the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau; OCC Address Change" (RIN1557-AD76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5213. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigeration

Equipment" (RIN1904-AC19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5214. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Chesapeake Bay Program 2013"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5215. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virtual Currency" (Notice 2014-21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5216. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of One-Per-Year Limit on IRA Rollovers" (Announcement 2014-15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5217. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Revenue Procedure 2013-22" (Rev. Proc. 2014-28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5218. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Section 1.1502-75(b)" (Rev. Proc. 2014-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5219. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - April 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5220. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" (Announcement 2014-14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5221. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and

36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-169); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5222. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Millennium Challenge Corporation during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5223. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-303, "Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5224. A communication from the Regulatory Coordinator, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Sexual Abuse and Assault in Confinement Facilities" (RIN1653-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5225. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Executive Summary of the 2013 Annual Report of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts" and "Judicial Business of the United States Courts"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5226. A communication from the Chairman of the National Health Care Workforce Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5227. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at the Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Co. in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-209. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the President of the United States, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Congress to take prompt action to reduce the processing time for veterans' disability benefit claims; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, The men and women of the United States armed forces have bravely and selflessly served our country; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits program provides monetary support to veterans whose military service has caused or aggravated a disabling medical condition; and

Whereas, The number of veterans applying for disability benefits has increased in recent years because of the large number of new veterans and the expansion of eligibility for benefits for certain service-connected diseases; and

Whereas, The United States Government Accountability Office reports that between fiscal years 2009 and 2012, the average length of time for the Department of Veterans Affairs to complete a disability claim increased from 161 days to 260 days; that the number of backlogged claims, which have been awaiting a decision for more than 125 days, has more than tripled since September 2009; and that appeals processing at the Department's regional offices has slowed by 56 per cent over the last several years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Congress of the United States to take prompt action to reduce the processing time for veterans' disability benefit claims; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S.161. A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes.

S.1074. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1219. A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2203. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the tax treatment for certain build America bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2204. A bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2205. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain small businesses from the employer health insurance mandate and to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of such mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 2206. A bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2207. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require all political committees to notify the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of receiving cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more from any contributor during a calendar year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2208. A bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2209. A bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2210. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan

guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2211. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to protect the enrollment of incarcerated youth for medical assistance under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2212. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2213. A bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a five-person Commission; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 410. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 411. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 530

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 530, a bill to make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, *supra*.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1029, a bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1694

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1694, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1996

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 1996, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2171

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2171, a bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 33, a concurrent

resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 3, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 3, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 3, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 3, 2014, at 10 a.m., to hold an East Asia and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled "Evaluating U.S. Policy on Taiwan on the 35th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA)."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 3, 2014, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Closed/TS/SCI: Russia Briefing."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 3, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 3, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING TO THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SYRIA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 384) expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting in humanitarian and development

challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "GOLD STAR WIVES DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 394) designating April 5, 2014, as "Gold Star Wives Day".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 88) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, had designated the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRASSLEY.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 3979; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of passage of the bill, as amended, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:37 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 7, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 3, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 3, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 3, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA -- PM 39

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2014.

On January 17, 2013, the United States Government announced its recognition of the Government of Somalia. The United States had not recognized a government in Somalia for the previous 22 years. Although the U.S. recognition underscores a strong commitment to Somalia's stabilization, it does not remove the importance of U.S. sanctions, especially against persons undermining the stability of Somalia. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Somalia and to

maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 7, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5228. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 52nd Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5229. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BD82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5230. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Precision Strike Weapon and Air-to-Surface Gunnery Training and Testing Operations at Eglin Air Force Base, FL" (RIN0648-BC46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5231. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD156), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5232. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD190), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5233. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Butterfish Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD167), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5234. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD166), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5235. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Jig or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bogoslof Pacific Cod Exemption Area in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD175), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5236. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD184), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5237. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD181), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5238. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of

Alaska" (RIN0648-XD189), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5239. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; General Category Fishery" (RIN0648-XD201), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5240. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gross Combination Weight Rating; Definition" (RIN2126-AB70; Formerly RIN2126-AB53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5241. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Adoption of Certain Special Permits and Competent Authorities into Regulations" (RIN2137-AE82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2214. A bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2215. A bill to protect taxpayers from improper audits by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2216. A bill to provide small businesses with a grace period for a regulatory violation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2217. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the participation of mental health professionals in boards for the correction of military records and boards for the review of the discharge or dismissal of

members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 412. A resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. Res. 413. A resolution recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 414. A resolution designating April 2014 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 415. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 416. A resolution authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to support and

encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1764

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1764, a bill to limit the retirement of A-10 aircraft.

S. 1793

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 2043

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2043, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs.

S. 2044

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2044, a bill to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 2053

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action on the Capitol Grounds.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2113

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2113, a bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the

cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2133

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal antidiscrimination claims.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2146

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2146, a bill to establish a United States Patent and Trademark Office Innovation Promotion Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 2190

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2190, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken

into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 2195

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 2195, a bill to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests.

S. 2199

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 2209

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2209, a bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

S. 2212

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2212, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 2213

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr.

JOHNSON] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2213, a bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a five-person Commission.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 33, a concurrent resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

SENATE RESOLUTION 369

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 369, a resolution to designate May 22, 2014 as "United States Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and to honor those in the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty.

SENATE RESOLUTION 402

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 402, a resolution expressing the regret of the Senate for the passage of section 3 of the Expatriation Act of 1907 (34 Stat. 1228) that revoked the United States citizenship of women who married foreign nationals.

SENATE RESOLUTION 410

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 410, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 411

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 411, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one

of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1874. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation.

H.R. 2575. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1874. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

As in executive session,

Ordered. That, following the vote on passage of bill H.R. 3979 on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, and Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that each vote be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS ACT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 3, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 3, 2014, as modified,

Time for debate having been concluded,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 3, 2014,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 59, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 101 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199:

HARRY REID, B.A. MIKULSKI, PATTY MURRAY, DICK DURBIN, K.E. GILLIBRAND, BRIAN SCHATZ, HEIDI HEITKAMP, MARTIN HEINRICH, TAMMY BALDWIN, BARBARA BOXER, DEBBIE STABENOW, MAZIE K. HIRONO, KAY R. HAGAN, MARY LANDRIEU, CLAIRE MCCASKILL, JEANNE SHAHEEN, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

Pending debate,

RELATIVE TO U.S. ENTRY FOR UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CRUZ,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2195) to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has engaged in espionage activities against the United States, poses a threat to United States national security interests, or has engaged in a terrorist activity against the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. CRUZ to amend the pending bill on page 2, line 4, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 2960).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. CRUZ, so as to read: "A bill to deny

admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests."

Pending debate,

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 92) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 414) designating April 2014 as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month", submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 415) supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week, submitted today by Mr. TOM UDALL (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mrs. HAGAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF A PHOTOGRAPH IN THE CHAMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 416) authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2575) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. MENENDEZ asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. MENENDEZ objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader

remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That the majority control the time from 2:15 p.m. until 3:15 p.m., and the minority control time from 3:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

At 7:57 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2575) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5242. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peanut Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Amendment to Primary Peanut-Producing States and Adjustment of Membership" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0042), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5243. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Disclosure to Shareholders; Disclosure to Investors in System-wide and Consolidated Bank Debt Obligations of the Farm Credit System; Advisory Note" (RIN3052-AD00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5244. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiram; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9909-02), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5245. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazapic; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9400-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5246. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazapyr; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5247. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretive Rule Regarding Applicability of the Exemption from Permitting under Section 404(f)(1)(A) of the Clean Water Act to Certain Agricultural Conservation Practices" (FRL No. 9908-97-OW), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5248. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluoxastobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5249. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proquinazid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9903-11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5250. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metaflumizone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9907-67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5251. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on Fiscal Year 2015 Staff Years of Technical Effort and Estimated Funding for Department of Defense Federally Funded

Research and Development Centers"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5252. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foreign Language Skill Proficiency Bonus program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5253. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Stanley T. Kresge, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5254. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5255. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enforcement Guidance Memorandum 2014-001: Interim Guidance for Dispositioning 10 CFR Part 37 Violations with Respect to Large Components or Robust Structures Containing Category 1 or Category 2 Quantities of Material at Power Reactor Facilities Licensed under 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52" (RIN3150-AI12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5256. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Ohio; 'Infrastructure' SIP State Board Requirements for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9908-70-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5257. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Hawaii; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9908-07-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5258. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; 10-Year FESOP Amendments" (FRL No. 9907-50-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5259. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9909-09-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5260. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9909-10-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5261. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Enforceable Consent Agreement and Testing Consent Order for Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4); Export Notification" (FRL No. 9907-36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5262. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9909-11-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5263. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Test Methods and Testing Regulations; Technical Amendment" ((RIN2060-AQ01)(FRL No. 9908-99-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5264. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Manufacturing (Import) Exemption for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)" (FRL No. 9908-98-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5265. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5266. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2013 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5267. A communication from the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad Retirement Board's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5268. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5269. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's Strategic Plan for 2014-2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5270. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5271. A communication from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5272. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5273. A communication from the Chair of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5274. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Submission of Forms, the Finished Products Records for Distilled Spirits Plants, and Closures on Certain Distilled Spirits and Products" (RIN1513-AB97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5275. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5276. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5277. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages" (RIN0584-AD77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5278. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Care and Development Fund Report to Congress for Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5279. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. support for Taiwan's participation as an observer at the 67th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5280. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0020 - 2014-0033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5281. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Aviation Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5282. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; South Bend, Indiana" (MB Docket No. 14-1, DA 14-363), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5283. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Adjustments to 2014 Annual Catch Limits" (RIN0648-BD70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-210. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging the Congress of the United States to repeal section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Whereas, In response to the 2008 economic recession, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was enacted in July 2010 to increase accountability and improve transparency in the nation's financial system. Among its provisions, section 1502 of the act creates new reporting requirements for publically

traded companies that produce products containing gold, tin, tantalum, or tungsten, known as “conflict minerals.” These reporting requirements and their public disclosure are meant to deter the purchase of conflict minerals from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the surrounding nations of Central Africa Republic, South Sudan, Zambia, Angola, the Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda; and

Whereas, The final rules on section 1502, issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), taking effect May 31, 2014, is exceedingly complex and detrimental to American manufacturers, creating new, overly taxing compliance costs, especially for American small businesses, as well as unrealistic and burdensome reporting requirements. The new rules require publically traded manufacturers to trace conflict minerals through their entire supply chain, all the way back to the smelter. The SEC estimates the initial cost of compliance to be between \$3 billion and \$4 billion, with annual costs thereafter between \$207 million and \$609 million. However, the National Association of Manufacturers estimates total costs to be \$16 billion; and

Whereas, The SEC rule on conflict minerals jeopardizes Michigan’s unparalleled efforts to restructure, create an improved business environment, and recover jobs lost during the recent recession. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, as of October of this year, our unemployment rate of 9 percent ranked 48th among the states, 1.7 percent higher than the nation’s average. Moreover, the stalwart of the Michigan economy—manufacturing—is still recovering. The state of Michigan condemns the human rights violations occurring in the DRC and surrounding nations. However, absorbing the exorbitant costs of complying with section 1502 will undermine our footing in the ongoing battle to grow manufacturing jobs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (The Senate Concurring), That we urge the Congress of the United States to repeal section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chairman of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-211. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington urging Congress to update and amend the Communications Decency Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.0001

Whereas, a reliable and affordable energy supply is vital to Wyoming’s economic growth, jobs, and the overall interests of its citizens; and

Whereas, Wyoming supports an all-the-above energy strategy because it is in the best interests of the state of Wyoming and the nation; and

Whereas, the United States has abundant supplies of coal and natural gas that provide economic and energy security benefits; and

Whereas, carbon regulations for existing power plants could threaten the affordability and reliability of Wyoming’s electricity supplies and therefore threaten the wellbeing of its citizens; and

Whereas, the U.S. Energy Information Administration projects that U.S. electric sector carbon dioxide emissions will be fourteen percent (14%) below 2005 levels in 2020; and

Whereas, on June 25, 2013, the President directed the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue standards, regulations or guidelines to address carbon dioxide emissions from new, existing, modified and reconstructed fossil-fueled power plants; and

Whereas, the President expressly recognized that states “will play a central role in establishing and implementing carbon standards for existing power plants;” and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act requires EPA to establish a “procedure” under which each state shall develop a plan for establishing and implementing standards of performance for existing sources within the state; and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act expressly allows states in developing and applying such standards of performance “to take into consideration, among other factors, the remaining useful life of the existing source to which such standard applies;” and

Whereas, EPA’s existing regulations provide that states may adopt “less stringent emissions standards or longer compliance schedules” than EPA’s guidelines based on factors such as “unreasonable cost of control,” “physical impossibility of installing necessary control equipment,” or other factors that make less stringent standards or longer compliance times “significantly more reasonable;” and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of electricity consumers in Wyoming to continue to benefit from reliable, affordable electricity provided by coal and natural gas-based electricity generating plants: Now, therefore be it:

Resolved by the members of the legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That Wyoming urges EPA, in developing, guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants, to respect the primacy of Wyoming and to take into account the unique policies,

energy needs, resource mix and economic priorities of Wyoming and other states.

Section 2. That EPA should issue guidelines and approve state-established performance standards that are based on reductions of carbon dioxide emissions that are practical and achievable by measures undertaken at fossil-fueled power plants.

Section 3. That Wyoming and other states should be given maximum flexibility by EPA to implement carbon dioxide performance standards for fossil-fueled power plants within their jurisdiction.

Section 4. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

POM-212. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming urging Congress to require the federal Environmental Protection Agency to respect the primacy of Wyoming in developing guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide emissions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8003

Whereas, The Communications Decency Act was enacted in 1996, nearly seventeen years ago when the internet was still in a fledgling state and accessible only to about twenty million Americans; and

Whereas, The internet of 1996 would be largely unrecognizable in 2013, lacking nearly all of the popular sites of today, such as YouTube, Google, Twitter, Facebook, Wikipedia, Craig’s List, and Backpage.com; and

Whereas, Today, the internet makes it possible for companies such as Backpage.com to earn millions of dollars annually from the sale of location-specific internet advertisements, some of which directly facilitate the sex trafficking of minors and other victims; and

Whereas, Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act assures internet service providers like Backpage.com nearly complete immunity from liability for the significant and known role they play in promoting today’s sex trafficking industry through the sale and distribution of adult escort advertisements on the internet; and

Whereas, When the Communications Decency Act was written in 1996, section 230 was intended to encourage internet service providers to promote the growth of the internet without incurring liability for third-party communications during a time when the average American with internet access spent thirty minutes each month on the web, compared with today’s average of twenty-seven hours per month; and

Whereas, The internet has evolved in ways few expected, making section 230 of the Communications Decency Act now outdated within the context, scope, and capability of today's internet to instantly disseminate information and facilitate rapid communication; and

Whereas, Without a change to section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, states remain powerless to enact meaningful reforms to hold accountable those internet service providers who profit from the sale of adult escort advertisements while turning a blind eye to their role in facilitating crimes against children and refusing to implement any bona fide measures to verify the age of persons featured in those advertisements;

Now, therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress update and amend the Communications Decency Act to reflect the current scope and power of the internet, to acknowledge the publisher-like role of companies like Backpage.com who profit from the sale and distribution of advertisements on the internet, and to authorize states to enact and enforce laws holding internet service providers responsible when they knowingly facilitate child sex trafficking through the sale of adult escort advertisements. Be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-213. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington urging the President of the United States and Congress to pass and sign into law legislation reforming the harbor maintenance tax; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8007

Whereas, The federal harbor maintenance tax is not collected on trans-pacific cargo shipped to the United States via rail or roads; and

Whereas, This noncollection of the harbor maintenance tax is an incentive to divert cargo away from United States ports; and

Whereas, The federal maritime commission inquiry into the harbor maintenance tax found that up to half of United States bound containers coming into Canada's west coast ports could revert to using United States west coast ports if United States importers were relieved from paying the tax; and

Whereas, Current United States law does not require the revenues raised through the harbor maintenance tax to be fully spent on harbor maintenance related investments; and

Whereas, The geography of harbor maintenance tax expenditures does not

correlate with the states where harbor maintenance revenues are generated; and

Whereas, The balance of the harbor maintenance trust fund has grown to over seven billion dollars;

Now, Therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that:

(1) Congress pass and the president sign legislation reforming the harbor maintenance tax; and

(2) Such legislation provide for full use of all harbor maintenance tax revenues, ensure United States tax policy does not disadvantage United States ports and maritime cargo, and provide greater equity for harbor maintenance tax donor ports through limited expanded use of the harbor maintenance revenues. Be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-214. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming requesting Congress to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations and to resume free trade talks with Taiwan; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 0001

Whereas, Taiwan, the United States, and in particular the State of Wyoming share a historical and close relationship marked by strong bilateral trade educational and cultural exchange, and tourism; and

Whereas, Taiwan shares with the United States and the State of Wyoming the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and rule of law; and

Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's third largest trading partner, Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of the United States and bilateral trade reached \$67.2 billion in 2011; and

Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Wyoming have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the prospect further growth; and

Whereas, the United States on November 1, 2012, officially included Taiwan in its Visa Waiver Program, allowing Taiwan's citizens to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of ninety (90) days or less without being required to obtain a visa, and the program will increase tourism and business between Taiwan and the United States, particularly Wyoming, with the prospect of thirty percent (30%) to forty percent (40%) growth of Taiwanese travelers to the United States in 2013, rising from four hundred thousand (400,000) Taiwanese travelers in 2011; and

Whereas, the issue of U.S. beef exports to Taiwan has been settled, and the resumption of trade talks on the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement and the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States will not only help to forge a closer relationship but will also create greater benefits and well-being for the State of Wyoming and boost Taiwan's chances to enter the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and

Whereas, President Ma Ying-jeou has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's twenty-three million citizens, promote Taiwan's international standing as a responsible member of the international community, increase participation in international organizations, dispatch humanitarian missions abroad and further improve relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

Whereas, Taiwan, as a willing and contributing member of the world community, has made countless contributions of technical and financial assistance in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters worldwide. Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That Wyoming reaffirms its commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and the State of Wyoming.

Section 2. That Wyoming supports Taiwan's appropriate participation in international organizations that impact the health, safety, and well-being of Taiwan.

Section 3. That Wyoming welcomes the resumption of trade talks on the Trade and Investment framework Agreement, welcomes the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between Taiwan and the United States in the process of closer economic integration, and supports Taiwan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Section 4. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

POM-215. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam requesting the President of the United States, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services further consider and amend the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to facilitate its equitable implementation in the territories; to the Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTION NO. 316-32 (COR)

Whereas, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is intended to

promote healthcare for millions of Americans in the fifty (50) states and the District of Columbia, by providing access to affordable healthcare, ensuring quality through market reforms, and advancing prevention and public health; and

Whereas, existing health insurance providers in the U.S. offshore territories shall have to meet higher standards of minimum coverage pursuant to the market reforms, which include: essential health benefits, guaranteed issue, guaranteed renewability, prohibitions on excluding preexisting conditions, adjusted community rating, and other consumer protections; and

Whereas, the PPACA also seeks to set up a healthcare exchange system nation-wide, through which Americans could buy or purchase not only affordable coverage, but coverage with better essential health benefits; and

Whereas, to help accomplish this in the fifty (50) states and Washington, D.C., the PPACA additionally provides the means to partially offset the states' costs of operating the exchanges, or the optional implementation of an equivalent qualifying program, through what are known as the individual and business mandates, as provided pursuant to specific applicable excise tax provisions of the Internal Revenue Code; and

Whereas, the Public Health Services Act (PHSA), that includes benefits for the territories, provides that, "The term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands" (PHSA 2791(d)(14)); and

Whereas, in Title I of the PPACA, it amends the PHSA, and provides that, "In this Title, the term "State" means each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia" (ACA 1304(d)); and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has determined that PPACA's Public Health Service Act provisions, to include market reforms (e.g., guaranteed issue, guaranteed renewability, prohibitions on preexisting condition exclusions, essential health benefits, adjusted community rating, and other consumer protections), will apply to health insurance coverage sold in the territories; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has determined that PPACA's individual and business mandates are not applicable to Guam; and

Whereas, the individual and business mandates are necessary to help offset the costs of anticipated increases in health insurance premiums, the implementation of which is directly impeded by the exclusion, and is further exacerbated; and

Whereas, the selective inclusion or denial of applicability to Guam places Guam in an untenable position, insofar that the market

reforms are applicable, but the means to partially fund it through the individual and business mandates are specifically excluded; and

Whereas, the PPACA's inequitable and unequal applicability to America's off-shore territories will likely have the unintended opposite impact of driving up the cost of healthcare coverage if certain provisions are not amended so as to properly include or exempt the territories to the extent necessary and realistically practicable; and

Whereas, the Attorney General of Guam has raised in his response to a Legislative inquiry (LEG 12-0708), that the government could find itself liable, and stated, in part, "If we establish an Exchange, Guam will have to pay the Advance Premium Tax Credit under U.S.C.A. §36B. This is an unfunded mandate that Guam has to pay and it has been estimated that this will cost Guam 74 Million Dollars per year. If Guam does not establish an Exchange, there is the possibility that a class action lawsuit could be brought for payment of this credit much like the Earned Income Tax Credit lawsuit in the past"; and

Whereas, Guam's Insurance Commissioner has estimated that it would cost the government of Guam a minimum of 74 Million Dollars annually to cover the eligible members in an exchange, yet Guam's share of the startup appropriation under the PPACA is only 24 Million Dollars, which is a one-time subsidy and is not an annually recurring appropriation, a situation that, "if a territory elects to implement health insurance exchanges, they will receive a limited allotment of subsidy funding that only covers a fraction of needed funds" (see NAIC—October 16, 2013, letter to Secretary); and

Whereas, the individual and business mandates are tied into specific excise tax provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, which are not applicable to Guam, and it must be duly noted that Section 31 of the Organic Act (48 U.S.C.) was enacted by the Congress primarily to relieve the U.S. Treasury of making direct appropriations to the government of Guam. Although Congress delegated collection and enforcement function of the income tax to the government of Guam, the government of Guam is powerless to vary the terms of the Internal Revenue Code as applied to Guam, except as permitted by Congress. [Bank of America v. Chaco, C.A. Guam 1976, 539 F 2d 1226]; and

Whereas, pursuant to the taxation limitations established in the Organic Act of Guam, as previously provided by the U.S. Congress in 1950, Guam is now prevented from unilaterally implementing under local law the individual and business mandates, by way of Guam's implementation of the mirrored excise tax provisions taken from the Internal Revenue Code and established under local law; and

Whereas, Guam's four domestic health insurance carriers have stated, in a January 23, 2014 briefing before the Guam Legislature, that the resulting impact of the PPACA market reforms will cause carriers to raise premium rates to offset the costs of implementing the applicable market reforms; and

Whereas, although the PPACA is intended to increase access to affordable healthcare for millions of Americans in the fifty (50) states and the District of Columbia, it will have the unintended opposite impact for Americans in the off-shore U.S. territory of Guam; and

Whereas, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has duly considered the impact to the U.S. territories, and has stated, in a letter to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, dated October 16, 2013, "We urge you ... to provide the Territories with the flexibility that they need to determine whether and how the market reforms should be applied"; and

Whereas, the NAIC paper further states, "Though the statute itself is unclear, (HHS) has determined that the ACA's market reforms will apply to health insurance coverage sold in the territories, while the individual and employer mandates will not. If a territory elects to implement health insurance exchanges, they will receive a limited allotment of subsidy funding that only covers a fraction of needed funds. As a result, the threat of adverse selection driving up premiums is much higher than it is in the states"; and

Whereas, the Guam Legislature takes due note of the NAIC paper which highlights "the often-stated position taken by the ACA's congressional sponsors and the administration that these reforms are not possible without the individual mandate and the subsidies"; and

Whereas, the Guam Legislature supports the veracity of the information provided, and endorses the statement, findings and arguments put forward by the NAIC to the Secretary; and

Whereas, Guam's inability to participate is not from an unwillingness on our part, but, rather, from a failure to duly consider the situation of Guam, the size of our population and insurance risk pool, our economy, and the conflicting statutes and unfunded mandates the Congress has unilaterally established; and

Whereas, the American citizens of the off-shore U.S. territory of Guam must not be excluded from the opportunity to be legitimately included in the PPACA; and

Whereas, it would only prove just and proper for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the honorable Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, to duly consider the issues and matters raised in this Resolution; and

Whereas, at the urging and request of Americans in the respective fifty (50) states and District of Columbia, numerous extensions and accommodations have been granted by the administration and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, yet no extensions or accommodations have been provided to the Americans in the off-shore U.S. territories; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan (the 32nd Guam Legislature) does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, request that the President of the United States, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services further consider and amend, as necessary, the provisions of the PPACA so as to facilitate its equitable implementation in the territories, which must be inclusive of a determination to:

1. Include Guam in the mandates and provide for the phased-in applicability of the provisions of the PPACA, and fully provide the correlated premium subsidies and additional Medicaid subsidies; and

2. Finally address the October 16, 2013 letter the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) sent to Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the inequities and challenges that Guam and other U.S. territories are facing with the implementation of PPACA; and be it further

Resolved, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President, United States of America; to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the President of the U.S. Senate; to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs; to the Honorable Jack Kingston, Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, 113th Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Tom Harkin, Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Congressional Delegate, 113th Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahaen Guåhan.

POM-216. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to support Michigan's application for a state-sponsored EB-5 regional center; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 315

Whereas, Attracting job-producing investments is critical to the continued economic recovery of the state of Michigan and the United States as a whole. Michigan—a longstanding leader of our nation's industrial economy—sustained significant damage in the aftermath of the 2002 and 2008 economic downturns. In recent years, however, Michigan's economic engine has begun turning again, marked by increasing property values and per capita incomes as well as an unemployment rate that continues to decline. With strides still to go, capital investments, including foreign direct investments, can infuse new growth in Michigan's economy and is an important element for Michigan's continued recovery; and

Whereas, The EB-5 investor-immigrant program is a constructive tool for attracting foreign investments to Michigan. In this program, immigrants willing to invest at least \$1,000,000 in capital to create a new business or take over an existing, troubled business can obtain an employment-based visa. For targeted unemployment areas—areas like Detroit that are experiencing an unemployment rate at least 150 times the national average—or rural areas, an employment-based visa can be issued with a minimum investment of \$500,000. This capital investment goes toward creating American jobs, rebuilding and revitalizing our neighborhoods, and bringing new money to our local economies. EB-5 participants, as required by the federal statute, must directly create or retain at least ten domestic jobs within two years, jobs that otherwise may have never come to the United States; and

Whereas, EB-5 regional centers serve as a mechanism for coordinating and attracting potential investor-immigrants as well as offering investor-immigrants enhanced services. Public regional centers can serve as international marketers for the area in which they represent. Public regional centers also serve as concentrators of economic development, compounding investment after investment into their local economies. Investor-immigrants using regional centers also benefit from a broader interpretation of the EB-5 job creation requirement. While the minimum investment requirements remain the same, immigrant-investors going through an EB-5 regional center may count indirect job creation as well; and

Whereas, The establishment of a state of Michigan EB-5 regional center would be a crucial component in the ongoing effort to rebuild our economy. State-sponsored regional centers provide an unparalleled ability to attract and retain potential investors. States like Michigan can bring investor-immigrants to the table in ways private regional centers cannot and develop solid, lasting relationships. Statewide

regional centers can also develop and deploy an estimable portfolio of statewide resources like industrial site searches, facilitate connections with local suppliers, laborers, and other businesses, and provide a general orientation of the government and economic environment to business owners; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support Michigan's application for a state-sponsored EB-5 regional center; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Chairman and Ranking Member of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Chairman and Ranking Member of the United States House Committee on the Judiciary, Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-217. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to support Michigan's request for 50,000 EB-5 visas to assist in the economic recovery of the city of Detroit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 316

Whereas, Professionals with advanced skills in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) are crucial to the continued development of our economy. However, Michigan continues to suffer from a shortage of workers with advanced training in STEM-related skills, and this shortage is expected to worsen over the coming years with STEM-related occupations growing 1.7 times the rate of non-STEM-related occupations. By 2018, Michigan is estimated to have 274,000 more STEM-related positions available than professionals to fill them. While we are committed to increasing STEM proficiency in our own students, Michigan must also seek out and retain professionals with advanced degrees to help build our economy now; and

Whereas, The city of Detroit has a special need for skilled professionals to help rebuild, revitalize, and reinvigorate the city. In recent years, Detroit, an iconic American city, has seen an unprecedented decline in population, and the loss of local revenue has made it difficult for the city to meet its financial obligations. Recruiting skilled professionals is one step toward achieving economic recovery and relieving the city's acute unemployment. In addition to adding a valuable new dynamic to the local economy, with their employment comes new

consumers, increasing demand, and job growth in other sectors; and

Whereas, Allowing immigrants to fill vacant STEM positions would provide an economic boost to the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. Through the recruitment and retention of foreign-born professionals, targeted immigration can help quench the unmet demands of Michigan's labor market—avoiding the suppression of economic production and growth that results—and help fortify the long-term health of its economy. Immigrants working in the United States also leverage their skills to contribute to the American economy rather than increasing the productivity and value of another nation's economy; and

Whereas, Federal employment-based visa programs, particularly the EB-2 program, grant foreign-born professionals legal working status in the United States. Designed for individuals with advanced degrees or its equivalent, the EB-2 program permits foreign-born professionals with STEM-related or business skills to be employed with domestic businesses, businesses otherwise unable to fill these jobs with the existing labor market. This program also encourages immigrants with exceptional abilities—abilities in science, art, or business that are significantly above those of ordinary workers in the field—to obtain an EB-2 visa; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has requested a pilot program be instituted to reallocate 50,000 EB-2 visas over the next five years for use in the city of Detroit. As proposed, 5,000 visas would be made available to foreign-born professionals the first year, 10,000 visas for the next three years, and 15,000 visas would be available in the fifth year. Rather than taking from the national pool of annually-available EB-2 visas, the administration would reallocate any unused EB-1, EB-2, EB-3, and family-based preference visas into the EB-2 pilot program, making them available for employment opportunities in the city of Detroit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support Michigan's request for 50,000 EB-2 visas to assist in the economic recovery of the city of Detroit; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Chairman and Ranking Member of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Chairman and Ranking Member of the United States House Committee on the Judiciary, Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-218. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia rescinding and withdrawing all past resolutions by the General Assembly applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 194

Whereas, there has been no convention convened to amend the Constitution of the United States, and all amendments adopted to date have been initiated by two-thirds of the members of both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the states; and

Whereas, the operations of a convention are unknown and the apportionment and selection of delegates, method of voting in convention, and other essential procedural details are not specified in Article V of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of Virginia has not called for a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States in the recent past, but in the more distant past has called for a convention (i) by House Joint Resolution No. 168 in 1977 concerning a presidential item veto, (ii) by the second resolved clause of Senate joint Resolution No. 36 in 1976 concerning a balanced budget, and (iii) by other resolutions applying to the Congress to call a convention; and

Whereas, the status of these past resolutions is unclear and the prudent course requires the General Assembly to rescind and withdraw all past applications for a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States lest a convention be convened without current and careful consideration; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly of Virginia rescinds and withdraws all past resolutions by the General Assembly applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States including HJR No. 168 (1977), SJR No. 36 (1976), and all other resolutions calling for a convention; and, be it

Resolved Further, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit certified copies of this joint resolution to the Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia delegation to the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

POM-219. A resolution adopted by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors of the State of New York entitled "In Support of Home Rule 1494 'Blue Water Navy

Accountability Act"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-220. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Ulster County of the State of New York urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to postpone indefinitely its order issued August 13, 2013 and halt the creation of the New Capacity Zone; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-221. A petition from citizens of the State of New York relative to the repeal of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S.1237. A bill to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-146).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 697. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-147).

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 1294. A bill to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. LEE, Mr. KIRK, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2218. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of certain territories and regions for designation for participation in the visa waiver program and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2219. A bill to require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to update a report on the role of telecommunications, including the Internet, in the commission of hate crimes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2220. A bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2221. A bill to extend the authorization for the Automobile National Heritage Area in Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2222. A bill to require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the sexual assault prevention activities of the Department of Defense and the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. REID):

S. 2223. A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CORKER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 417. A resolution designating October 30, 2014, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 418. A resolution to honor Gallaudet University, a premier institution of higher education for deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and to recognize the impact of the University on higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 419. A resolution recognizing the celebration of National Student Employment Week 2014 at the University of Minnesota Duluth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 715

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 715, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 1135

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1135, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to establish a commission for the purpose of coordinating efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1611

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1611, a bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to provide for institutional risk-sharing in the Federal student loan programs.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1925, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2023

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2023, a bill to

reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2106

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2162

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children and to increase the earned income tax credit for childless workers, and to provide for budget offsets.

S. 2170

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers.

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 2195

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2195, a bill to deny

admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests.

S. 2199

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 2205

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2205, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain small businesses from the employer health insurance mandate and to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of such mandate.

SENATE RESOLUTION 364

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 364, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 410

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 410, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Advanced Biofuels: Creating Jobs and Lower Prices at the Pump."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Taxpayers from Incompetent and Unethical Return Preparers."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "National Security and Foreign Policy Priorities in the FY 2015 International Affairs Budget."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 8, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 404. An act to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1872. An act to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3470. An act to affirm the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4323. An act to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration for the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

At 5:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 404. An act to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1872. An act to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

H.R. 3470. To affirm the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:35 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 4:30 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management and Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, between the two leaders, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. McCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199 is agreed to, time for debate,

pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2962); that it then be in order for the majority leader, or his designee, to propose an amendment; and that it then be in order for the leaders, or their designees, to propose amendments in alternating fashion.

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

Mr. THUNE asked unanimous consent that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199 is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 2964); that it then be in order for the majority leader, or his designee, to propose an amendment; that it then be in order for the leaders, or their designees, to propose amendments in alternating fashion; and that the following minority-party amendments be in order to be proposed: amendments Numbered 2962, 2963, 2965, 2966.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, during this week, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; that there be one hour for debate; that 15 minutes therein be controlled by the majority leader, or his designee; that 45 minutes therein be controlled by the minority leader, or his designee; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to

consider the nomination of Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that, following the vote, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING THE THREATS TO
FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND
EXPRESSION IN CHINA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 361) recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. CARDIN) to amend the resolution at page 3, line 3, by striking "by the United States Government" (being amendment No. 2969).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE
CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 90) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as

part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2223) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property, introduced today by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. REID), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT PRO
TEMPORECONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS ON TRADE
POLICY AND NEGOTIATIONS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, in accordance with Public Law 93-618, as amended by Public Law 100-418, had appointed the following members of the Committee on Finance as Congressional advisors on trade policy and negotiations: Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRASSLEY.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two

leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199; and that the time until 11 a.m., be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

**AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following the remarks of Mr. BENNET and Mr. CASEY.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 7:49 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 9, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2199**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2223) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property, introduced on yesterday by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. MERKLEY), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2199**

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, April 7, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, April 7, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 53, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 103 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Subsequently,

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 2:30 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; that, upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, pursuant to the order of yesterday; that, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Debra L. Miller, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Steven Joel Anthony, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, and Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's

action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3521

Ms. LANDRIEU asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mr. LEE objected.

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of bill H.R. 3521; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment, by Mr. VITTER, be proposed and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS objected.

ORDER RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. VITTER,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the order of today that the Senate proceed to executive session at 2:30 p.m. be modified such that the Senate proceed thereto in 10 minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, April 9, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 404. A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5284. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Waiver by Joint Action of Visa and Passport Requirements for Members of Armed Forces and Coast Guards of Foreign Countries" (RIN1400-AD51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5285. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Transnuclear, Inc. Standardized NUHOMS Cask System" (RIN3150-AJ28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5286. A communication from the Vice President, Government Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's Statistical Summary for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5287. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5288. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial

report relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5289. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012 for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5290. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report for fiscal year 2013 relative to the Biosimilar User Fee Act of 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5291. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2012 for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5292. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment, Maintenance, and Availability of Records: Amendment to Record Availability Requirements" ((Docket No. FDA-2002-N-0153, Formerly Docket No. FDA 2002N-0277)(RIN0910-AG73)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-222. A resolution adopted by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors of the State of New York entitled "In Support of Home Rule 543 'Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013'"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2224. A bill to enhance the accuracy of credit reporting and provide greater rights to consumers who dispute errors in their credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2225. A bill to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2226. A bill to establish a WaterSense program within the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 2227. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for property certified by the Environmental Protection Agency under the WaterSense program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 2228. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to consider projects involving rural communities in the selection of alternative water source projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2229. A bill to expand primary care access; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2230. A bill to provide the legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2231. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2232. A bill to protect the right to freedom of speech secured by the First Amendment to the Constitution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BENNET, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2233. A bill to provide tax relief for major disaster areas declared in 2012 and 2013 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 2234. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who

participate in qualified apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 571

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes.

S. 1008

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1008, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1422

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1422, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1596

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1596, a bill to

require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 1793

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

S. 2018

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes.

S. 2106

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions.

S. 2118

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2118, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 2142

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2142, a bill to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2190

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2190, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer

mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 2199

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 2223, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 33, a concurrent resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

SENATE RESOLUTION 369

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 369, a resolution to designate May 22, 2014 as "United States Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and to honor those in the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty.

SENATE RESOLUTION 418

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was

added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 418, a resolution to honor Gallaudet University, a premier institution of higher education for deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and to recognize the impact of the University on higher education.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on, April 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "From Here to Mars."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on, April 9, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Addressing Primary Care Access and Workforce Challenges: Voices from the Field."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on, April 9, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Indian Education Series: Indian Students in Public Schools—Cultivating the Next Generation."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, April 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Comcast-Time Warner Cable Merger and the Impact on Consumers."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Election Administration: Making Voter Rolls More Complete and More Accurate."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2014, at 11 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget for the Small Business Administration."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2014, at 9:15 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2014, at 10 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 9, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1871. An act to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 404. An act to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1871. An act to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline; to the Committee on the Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ENACTMENT OF THE SMITH-
LEVER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 33) celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL
ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE
TWO HOUSES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 35) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, on recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law

106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, had appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Katrina Lantos Swett, of New Hampshire.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:52 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Dr. Raphael Warnock, Senior Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, of Atlanta, Georgia offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 10, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2223

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2223) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred):

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1596

Mr. TOOMEY, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1596) to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; that the Senate proceed to consider said bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 4332

Mr. CORNYN, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the chair lay

before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4332) to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the dollar limitation on the de minimis safe harbor from treatment as a capital expenditure for taxpayers without applicable financial statements; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. REID objected.

DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 994) to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn; that an amendment (Numbered 2970, in the nature of a substitute) be proposed by Mr. CARPER; that an amendment (Numbered 2971) be proposed thereto by Mr. CARPER, and agreed to; that the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, April 10, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2195. A bill to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5293. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Watermelon Research and Promotion Plan; Importer Membership Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0031), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5294. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the training of the U.S. Special Operations Forces with friendly foreign forces during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5295. A communication from the Associate Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Syrian Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 542), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5296. A communication from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Soft Infant and Toddler Carriers" ((16 CFR Part 1112 and 16 CFR Part 1226)-(Docket No. CPSC-2013-0014)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5297. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Generator Verification Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM13-16-000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5298. A communication from the Director, Equal Employment Opportunities and Diversity Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5299. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5300. A communication from the Associate Commissioner, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5301. A communication from the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5302. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-304, "Belmont Park Designation and Establishment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5303. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-305, "Marijuana Possession Decriminalization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5304. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-306, "DC Promise Establishment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5305. A joint communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) and the Chief of Staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5306. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5307. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhanced Prudential Standards for Bank Holding Companies and Foreign Banking Organizations" (RIN7100-AD86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5308. A communication from the Chief of the Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz, and 2155-2180 MHz Bands" ((GN Docket No. 13-185)(FCC 14-31)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5309. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Related to Retransmission Consent, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (MB Docket No. 10-71, FCC 14-29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5310. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Site Suitability Criteria for Nuclear Power Stations" (Regulatory Guide 4.7, Revision 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5311. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Response Strategies for Potential Aircraft Threats" (Regulatory Guide 1.214, Revision 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5312. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rollovers to Qualified Plans" (Rev. Rul. 2014-9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5313. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Insurance Providers Fee; Procedural and Administrative Guidance" (Notice 2014-24), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5314. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States-People's Republic of China Science and Technology Agreement of 1979; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5315. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2013 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5316. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5317. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-223. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York urging the United States House of Representatives to pass H.R.2510 - Helping Veterans Exposed to Toxic Chemicals Act; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 507. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-148).

H.R. 862. A bill to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an

erroneous survey conducted in May 1960 (Rept. No. 113-149).

H.R. 876. A bill to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-150).

H.R. 1158. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area (Rept. No. 113-151).

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1728. A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. 1937. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to develop contingency plans to address unexpected emergencies or natural disasters that may threaten to disrupt the administration of an election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 1947. A bill to rename the Government Printing Office the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes.

S. 2197. A bill to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2235. A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2236. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance efforts to address antimicrobial resistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2237. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an elective safe harbor for the expensing by small businesses of the costs of acquiring or

producing tangible property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2238. A bill to ensure that the United States Government in no way recognizes Russia's annexation of Crimea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2239. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose certain return information related to identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL)):

S. 2240. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2241. A bill to enhance the safety of drug-free playgrounds; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 2242. A bill to establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2243. A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. REED, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2244. A bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2245. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to streamline the District's legislative process and conserve taxpayer dollars; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2246. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the Government of the District of Columbia to determine the fiscal year period, to make local funds of the District of Columbia for a fiscal year available for use by the District upon enactment of the local budget act for the year subject to a period of Congressional review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 2247. A bill to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 2248. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the number of children eligible for free school meals, with a phased-in transition period, with an offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2249. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribution Act to extend a certain income tax exemption to the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WICKER, Mr. REID, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HATCH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. VITTER, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2250. A bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2251. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to develop and test an expanded and advanced role for direct care workers who provide long-term services and supports to older individuals in efforts to coordinate care and improve the efficiency of service delivery; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2252. A bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2253. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a temporary shift in the scheduled collection of the transitional reinsurance program payments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2254. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2255. A bill to remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from treatment as terrorist organizations and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 420. A resolution designating the week of October 6 through October 12, 2014, as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 421. A resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 422. A resolution to authorize written testimony, document production, and representation in Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Foundation, Inc. v. United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1189

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1189, a bill to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1530

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1530, a bill to realign structures and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1645, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1802, a bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes.

S. 1839

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1975

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1975, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1996, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2078

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2078, a bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2100

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles.

S. 2163

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2163, a bill to establish an emergency watershed protection disaster assistance fund

to be available to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance for any natural disaster.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2223, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 34, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should hold the Russian Federation accountable for being in material breach of its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

SENATE RESOLUTION 413

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 413, a resolution recognizing 20 years since the genocide in

Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Keeping the Lights On—Are We Doing Enough to Ensure the Reliability and Security of the U.S. Electric Grid?"

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on April 10, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Expanding Access to Quality Early Learning: the Strong Start for America's Children Act".

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2015."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "International Development Priorities in the FY 2015 Budget."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 2 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 3 p.m., to hold an European Affairs subcommittee hearing

entitled, "Transatlantic Security Challenges: Central and Eastern Europe."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight of Small Agencies."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2195. An act to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

At 3:41 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2195. An act to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, on the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, be considered concluded; that, on tomorrow, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on confirmation of said nomination; that, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion, made by Mr. REID on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division; that, if the motion is agreed to, the Senate immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENTS, AND REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 422) to authorize written testimony, document production, and representation in *Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Foundation, Inc. v. United States*, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that, pursuant to Public Law 113-76, the minority leader had appointed the following to be members of the National Commission on

Hunger: Spencer A. Coates, of Kentucky, and J. Russell Sykes, of New York.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, as pursuant to the order of today; and that the time until 5 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:05 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 4 p.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 4 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEVIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, April 11, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded on the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; that, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014, the Senate vote on confirmation of said nomination, without intervening action or debate; that, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, April 28, 2014, following disposition of the nomination of David Weil, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order;

that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1352, A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-152).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 410. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 413. A resolution recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WALSH (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2256. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr.

JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 423. A resolution designating April 2014 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 424. A resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2014 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which include increasing public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 1135

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1135, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 2100

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination

among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2204

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2204, a bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

S. 2221

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2221, a bill to extend the authorization for the Automobile National Heritage Area in Michigan.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2244, a bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER

appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: Mr. DENT of Pennsylvania.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 743(b)(3) of Public Law 113-76, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Commission on Hunger: Mr. Jeremy Everett of Waco, Texas, Dr. Susan Finn of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Robert Doar of Brooklyn, New York.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024; to the Committee on the Budget.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Committee on Budget was discharged from the further consideration of the following concurrent resolution, pursuant to Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and the concurrent resolution was placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 423) designating April 2014 as "Financial Literacy Month", submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr.

WICKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. RON JOHNSON, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the VICE PRESIDENT, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, April 28, 2014, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REED, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, committees be authorized to "file" legislative and executive reports on Friday, April 25, 2014, from 10 a.m. until noon.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two

leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:14 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 28, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 11, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 11, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2223

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2223) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2223:

HARRY REID, T.R. HARKIN, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, PATRICK LEAHY, CORY BOOKER, ELIZABETH WARREN, JACK REED, DICK DURBIN, BEN CARDIN, TOM CARPER, CHRIS COONS, BILL NELSON, AL FRANKEN, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, S. WHITEHOUSE, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BERNARD SANDERS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 11, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 11, 2014, the following report of committee was submitted on April 25, 2014:

By Mr. NELSON, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Pushing the Envelope: Publishers Clearing House in the New Era of Direct Marketing" (Rept. No. 113-153).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5318. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Consolidation of Permit Procedures; Denial and Revocation of Permits" ((RIN0579-AD76)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0085)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5319. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract" (Docket No. FDA-2012-C-0900), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5320. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food" (Docket No. FDA-2001-F-0049, Formerly Docket No. 01F-0047), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5321. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee: Bone, Reproductive and Urologic Drugs Advisory Committee" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0355), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5322. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Air Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 9909-45-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5323. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Stephen P. Mueller, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5324. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates-Transportation" ((RIN0750-AH90)(DFARS Case 2012-D057)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5325. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress On Repair of Naval Vessels in Foreign Shipyards"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5326. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5327. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products" (RIN1904-AD08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5328. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of the Regulation that Excludes U.S. Captive-Bred Scimitar-Horned Oryx, Addax, and Dama Gazelle from Certain Prohibitions" (RIN1018-BA47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5329. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Mazama Pocket Gophers" (RIN1018-AZ37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5330. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and State Grants Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Island Night Lizard from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AY44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5331. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for the Olympia Pocket Gopher, Roy Prairie Pocket Gopher, Tenino Pocket Gopher, and Yelm Pocket Gopher, with Special Rule" (RIN1018-AZ17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5332. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2013-2014 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-AZ87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5333. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Jaguar" (RIN1018-AX13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5334. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Species Status for the Georgetown Salamander and Salado Salamander Throughout Their Ranges" (RIN1018-AY22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5335. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken" (RIN1018-AY21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5336. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Special Rule for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken" (RIN1018-AY21), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5337. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2014 Season" (RIN1018-BA02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5338. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Assessment Program for a Medical Event or an Incident Occurring at a Medical Facility" (Management Directive 8. 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5339. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9908-53-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5340. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Reasonable Further Progress Plan and 2002 Base Year Emission Inventory" (FRL No. 9908-51-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5341. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9909-57-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5342. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Clean Data Determination for the Baton Rouge Area for the 2008 Ozone National

Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9909-53-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5343. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 9909-43-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5344. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9909-51-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5345. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal" (FRL No. 9909-25-OCSP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5346. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Underground Storage Tank Program: Codification of Approved State Program for South Carolina" (FRL No. 9909-12-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5347. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Alaska; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9908-23-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5348. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-27), received

in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5349. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of the Windsor Decision and Rev. Rul. 2013-17 to Qualified Retirement Plans" (Notice 2014-19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5350. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; McConnellsburg, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0558)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5351. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Revisions to Headboat Reporting Requirements for Species Managed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council" (RIN0648-BD49), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5352. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Big Skate in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD120), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5353. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Rules Governing Public Safety Narrowband Operations in the 769-775/779-805 MHz Bands" (WT Docket No. 96-86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5354. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea

and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD111), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5355. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS 2014-0491); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5356. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Central African Republic" (RIN1400-AD56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5357. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Changes to Authorized Officials and the UK Defense Trade Treaty Exemption; Correction of Errors in Lebanon Policy and Violations; and Adoption of Recent Amendments as Final; Correction" (RIN1400-AD49), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5358. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-035); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5359. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-018); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5360. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-190); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5361. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-149); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5362. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-136); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5363. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export

to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 2260. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-154).

S. 2261. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, to remove provisions that are no longer applicable, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-155).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2257. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from the tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, and Mr. MORAN)):

S. 2258. A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2259. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow for data collection about military-connected students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2260. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2261. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, to remove provisions

that are no longer applicable, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BENNET, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2262. A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2263. A bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2264. A bill to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1239

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

S. 1510

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1510, a bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1635

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1635, a bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend the period during which supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits are temporarily increased.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to

amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 1839

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. BURR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2022

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2022, a bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military

Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

S. 2118

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2118, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 2160

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2160, a bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2223, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 11, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, April 11, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session; that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Sheryl H. Lipman, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate on a nomination is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded; and that, following said votes, the Senate resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That, on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on confirmation of nominations on which a motion to bring to a close debate was agreed to in the order that a motion was agreed to; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, upon disposition of the nominations, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BENNET, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr.

WICKER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BROWN asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BROWN objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following votes in executive session, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That the majority control the time from 2:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., and the minority control the time from 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

At 7:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge

of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2223

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2223) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BENNET, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WICKER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5364. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5365. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5366. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5367. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs, Payment Limitations, and Payment Eligibility" (RIN0560-A121), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5368. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Transition Program Assessments; Final Appeals and Revisions Procedures" (RIN0560-AH30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5369. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Label Approval System: Generic Label Approval" (RIN0583-AC59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5370. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Office, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as

Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" (RIN0584-AE19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5371. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Issued Under the Export Apple Act; Exempting Bulk Shipments to Canada From Minimum Requirements and Inspection" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5372. A communication from the Associate Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities" (RIN0524-AA39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5373. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle; Addition of Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles" (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0031), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5374. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantined Areas in Ohio" (Docket No. APHIS-2013-0004), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5375. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) for the Handheld, Manpack and Small Form Fit program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5376. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John F. Mulholland, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to

the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5377. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense corrosion report for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5378. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contracting Officer's Representative" ((RIN0750-AI21)-(DFARS Case 2013-D023)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5379. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates-Contract Financing" ((RIN0750-AI)(DFARS Case 2013-D014)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5380. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Photovoltaic Devices" ((RIN0750-AI18)(DFARS Case 2014-D006)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5381. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5382. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5383. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-73; Introduction" (FAC 2005-73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5384. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2011-018, Positive Law Codification of Title 41" (RIN9000-AM30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the utilization of a contribution to the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5386. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) for the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) Block 40/45 Upgrade program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5387. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) for the Vertical Takeoff and Landing Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (VTUAV) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5388. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5389. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Annual Materials Plan for fiscal year 2015 and the succeeding 4 years, fiscal years 2016 - 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5390. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of Defense 2014 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports (MARs) and an index of the 41 MARs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5391. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Michael A. LeFever, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5392. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of six (6) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5393. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict) Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Combating Terrorism Activities Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Estimates"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5394. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to providing a five-year reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5395. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5396. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Implementation of Basel III, Capital Adequacy, Transition Provisions, Prompt Corrective Action, Standardized Approach for Risk-Weighted Assets, Market Discipline and Disclosure Requirements, Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule, and Market Risk Capital Rule" (RIN3064-AD95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5397. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Person to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5398. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5399. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 management reports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5400. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5401. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5402. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5403. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments" (RIN3133-AE33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5404. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Transnuclear, Inc. Standardized NUHOMS Cask System" (RIN3150-AJ28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5405. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the City of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, flood risk

management project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5406. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Secretary of the Army's recommendation to increase the authorized cost of the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Reconstruction project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5407. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Timing Requirements for the Submission of a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) or General Activities Plan (GAP) for a Renewable Energy Project on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)" (RIN1010-AD77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5408. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers" (RIN1904-AC76), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5409. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on the category rating system; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5410. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting Reliability Standard" (Docket No. RM13-11-000), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5411. A communication from the Designated Federal Official, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States World War One Centennial Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5412. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries

Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Economic Dispatch and Technological Change"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5414. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulations; Contract Clause on Minority and Women Inclusion in Contractor Workforce" (RIN1505-AC40), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5415. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of United States Persons that Own Stock of Passive Foreign Investment Companies Through Certain Organizations and Accounts that Are Tax Exempt" (Notice 2014-28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5416. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2014" (Notice 2014-29), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5417. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Extension of the Payment Adjustment for Low-Volume Hospitals and the Medicare-Dependent Hospital (MDH) Program Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) for Acute Care Hospitals for Fiscal Year 2014" (RIN0938-AR12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5418. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Preliminary Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments (DSH) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and the Preliminary Institutions for Mental Diseases Disproportionate Share

Hospital Limits for FY 2014" (CMS-2389-N), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5419. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Material of the Republic of Bulgaria; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5420. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Preventive Services and Obesity-related Services Available to Medicaid Enrollees"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5421. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicaid Integrity Program Report for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5422. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to contracting with the National Academy of Sciences for a committee of medical experts to assist with disability issues; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COATS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. LEE):

S. 2265. A bill to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2266. A bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to establish a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by certain diseases is the result of the performance of the duties of the employee; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2267. A bill to modify chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2268. A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for all hazards preparedness in the border area including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 2269. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to prepare individuals with multiple barriers to employment to enter the workforce by providing such individuals with support services, job training, and education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2270. A bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 425. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of "National Donate Life Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 426. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 427. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic education programs in schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 428. A resolution promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2014, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States,

such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 429. A resolution designating April 30, 2014, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, supra.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 872

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 872, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding

companies the same as for bank holding companies.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1911

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1925, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders.

S. 1996

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1996, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2009

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2009, a bill to improve the provision of

health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2244, a bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2248

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2248, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the number of children eligible for free school meals, with a phased-in transition period, with an offset.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 372

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 372, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

SENATE RESOLUTION 423

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 423, a resolution designating April 2014 as "Financial Literacy Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Workers' Memorial Day: Are Existing Private Sector Whistleblower Protections Adequate To Ensure Safe Workplace?"

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Law Enforcement Responses to Disabled Americans: Promising Approaches for Protecting Public Safety."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 298. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 930. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1501. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 3110. An act to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

H.R. 4032. An act to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4120. An act to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date.

H.R. 4192. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia" to clarify the rules of the District of Columbia regarding human occupancy of penthouses above the top story of the building upon which the penthouse is placed.

H.R. 4194. An act to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 994. A bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 298. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 930. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource

study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1501. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4032. An act to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4194. An act to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3110. An act to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2223

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2223.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, At 12:58 p.m., The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2223

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2223.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO LEGISLATIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to legislative session.

The motion was agreed to; and

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO LEGISLATIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to legislative session.

The motion was agreed to; and

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 427) expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic education programs in schools in the United States, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROMOTING MINORITY HEALTH AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 428) promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2014, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States, such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING “DIA DE LOS NINOS:
CELEBRATING YOUNG
AMERICANS”

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 429) designating April 30, 2014, as “Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans”, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BOOKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL TOMORROW, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2223; and that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 4 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. MERKLEY and Ms. HIRONO.

After debate,

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL
9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; and that all other provisions of the order of today remain in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, as modified,

At 7:15 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 30, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2223

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2223) to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED TO
THE PRESIDENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 30, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 994. An act to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5423. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-134); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5424. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-180); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5425. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the

Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-006); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5426. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-022); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5427. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-029); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5428. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-036); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5429. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-148); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5430. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-009); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5431. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-002); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5432. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-193); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5433. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-008); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5434. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-173); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5435. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communique" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5436. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the December 17, 2013 - February 14, 2014 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5437. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5438. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 annual report on voting practices in the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5439. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0034 - 2014-0048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5440. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-0551); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5441. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5442. A communication from the Diversity and Inclusion Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5443. A communication from the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the Corporation's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5444. A communication from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5445. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5446. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5447. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5448. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5449. A communication from the Director, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness and Force Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, a compilation of fiscal year 2013 reports from the Department of Defense Components relative to the implementation of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5450. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia

Family Court Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5451. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Wage Garnishment" (5 CFR Part 1639), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5452. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3368-EM in the State of Georgia having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5453. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Industrial Funding Fee (IFF) and Sales Reporting" (RIN3090-AJ36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5454. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solicitation of Federal Civilian and Uniformed Service Personnel for Contributions to Private Voluntary Organizations" (RIN3206-AM68), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5455. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Met Many Requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 but Did Not Fully Comply for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5456. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014 through 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5457. A communication from the Chairman, National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's

Annual Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5458. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Certification of Fiscal Year 2014 Total Local Source General Fund Revenues (Net of Dedicated Taxes) in Support of the District's Issuance of \$495,425,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Series 2013A)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5459. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5460. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premium Rates; Payment of Premiums; Reducing Regulatory Burden" (RIN1212-AB26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5461. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on mining activities as required by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5462. communication from the Director of the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Lung Benefits Act: Standards for Chest Radiographs" (RIN1240-AA07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2271. A bill to establish the Green Bank to assist in the financing of qualified clean energy projects and qualified energy

efficiency projects; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2272. A bill to prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees of the Internal Revenue Service who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 2273. A bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2274. A bill to expedite decisions on applications for authorization to export natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 430. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2014, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day"; considered and agreed to

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 431. A resolution honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to

Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 445

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to improve security at State and local courthouses.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1881, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2024

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as

a cosponsor of S. 2024, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of "marriage" and "spouse" for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 2080

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2080, a bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, and for other purposes.

S. 2126

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2126, a bill to launch a national strategy to support regenerative medicine through the establishment of a Regenerative Medicine Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2235, a bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes.

S. 2263

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2263, a bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 417

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 417, a resolution designating October 30, 2014, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Transportation Security Administration Oversight: Confronting America's Transportation Security Challenges."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a Near Eastern and Southern and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee hearing entitled, "A Transformation: Afghanistan Beyond 2014."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Lessons Learned from the Boston Marathon Bombings: Improving Intelligence and Information Sharing."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Dollars and Sense: How Undisclosed Money and Post-McCutcheon Campaign Finance Will Affect the 2014 Election and Beyond."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Overmedication: Problems and Solutions."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 30, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Exploring the Perils of the Precious Metals Market."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 994. An act to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 12:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 627. An act to provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the

National Park Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4167. An act to amend section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, known as the Volcker Rule, to exclude certain debt securities of collateralized loan obligations from the prohibition against acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in a hedge fund or private equity fund.

H.R. 4414. An act to clarify the treatment under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of health plans in which expatriates are the primary enrollees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4488. An act to make technical corrections to two bills enabling the presentation of congressional gold medals, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 627. An act to provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4167. An act to amend section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, known as the Volcker Rule, to exclude certain debt securities of collateralized loan obligations from the prohibition against acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in a hedge fund or private equity fund; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2223

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2223.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, April 28, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2223.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, April 28, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 117 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, as pursuant to the order of Monday, April 28, 2014, as modified, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session; that, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to motions to bring to a close debate on Theodore David Chuang, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, George Jarrod Hazel, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate on a nomination is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded; and that, at 1:45 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on

confirmation of the nominations of Theodore David Chuang, George Jarrod Hazel, Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Suzan G. LeVine, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session and vote on confirmation of the nominations of Nancy L. Moritz, and Peter A. Selfridge, of Minnesota, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each aforementioned vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, following the votes, motions to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Monday, April 28, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Monday, April 28, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF "SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 430) expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2014, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day", submitted today by Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING MILITARY CHILDREN DURING THE NATIONAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 431) honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child, submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. HIRONO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:15 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 11:15 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Theodore David Chuang, George Jarrod Hazel, and Nancy L. Moritz, as pursuant to the order of today; and that remaining provisions of said order remain in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 1, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5463. A communication from the Deputy Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment" (RIN1218-AB67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5464. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the operations of the National Service Trust through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5465. A communication from the Regulatory Coordinator, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Sexual Abuse and Assault in Confinement Facilities" (RIN1653-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5466. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Activities of the National Guard Counterdrug Schools for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5467. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5468. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5469. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5470. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that have been adopted by the

Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5471. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5472. A communication from the HR Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Small Business Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5473. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Construction" (RIN3245-AG37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5474. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Process: Task and Delivery Order Contracts, Bundling, Consolidation" (RIN3245-AG20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5475. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: Utilities" (RIN3245-AG25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5476. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surety Bond Guarantee Program" (RIN3245-AG56), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5477. A communication from the HR Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Small Business Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on April 22, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5478. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liquidity and Contingency Funding Plans" (RIN3133-AD96), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5479. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Amendment 14; Correction" (RIN0648-AY26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5480. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Modifications to Identification Markings on Fishing Gear Marker Buoys" (RIN0648-BD66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5481. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Tripoli Flight Information Region (FIR); Extension of Expiration Date" ((RIN2120-AJ93)-(Docket No. FAA-2011-0246)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5482. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class B Airspace Area; Detroit, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0079)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5483. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification,

Revocation, and Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Charlotte, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0915)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5484. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0977)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5485. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (88); Amdt. No. 3581" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5486. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (150); Amdt. No. 3582" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5487. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (62); Amdt. No. 3579" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5488. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (121); Amdt. No. 3580" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5489. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualification, Service, and Use of Crewmembers and Aircraft Dispatchers" ((RIN2120-AJ00)-(Docket No. FAA-2008-0677)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5490. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Final Rule To Revise the Code of Federal Regulations for Species Under the Jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service" (RIN0648-XC659), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5491. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amdt. No. 512" (RIN2120-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5492. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-625, Arizona" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0093)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5493. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Chemical Oxygen Generators Installed on Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AK36)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0812)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5494. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5529. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0369)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5530. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0740)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5531. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Procedures for Closeout of Grants and Cooperative Agreements" (RIN2700-AE06), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5532. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD099), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5533. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band" ((ET Docket No. 13-49)-(FCC 14-30)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5534. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Track Safety Standards; Improving Rail Integrity" (RIN2130-AC28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5535. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Railroad Workplace Safety; Adjacent-Track On-Track Safety for Roadway Workers" (RIN2130-AC37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5536. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Regulations" (RIN2130-AC33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5537. A communication from the Director of the Office of Financial Reporting and Policy, Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2013 Agency Financial Report"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5538. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 14-5)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5539. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seaway Regulations and Rules: Periodic Update, Various Categories" (RIN2135-AA33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5540. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Housing Loans and Grants" (RIN0575-AC97), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5541. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal

and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program and Interstate Movement of Farmed or Captive Deer, Elk, and Moose" (RIN0579-AB35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5542. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restrictions on Sales of Assets of a Covered Financial Company by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation" (RIN3064-AE05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5543. A communication from the Associate Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Syrian Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 542), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5544. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling of Pesticide Products and Devices for Export" ((RIN2070-AJ53)-(FRL No. 9908-82)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5545. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5546. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Nitrogen Oxide Combustion Turbine Alternative Control Requirements for the Milwaukee-Racine Former Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9908-93-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5547. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia;

Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Mondelez Global LLC, Inc. - Richmond Bakery located in Henrico County, Virginia" (FRL No. 9910-04-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5548. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9910-06-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5549. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan Revisions; Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Rules; North Dakota" (FRL No. 9909-86-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5550. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Inadvertent Errors in Air Quality Designations for Fine Particles, Ozone, Lead, Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide" (FRL No. 9909-24-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5551. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Idaho Amalgamated Sugar Company Nampa BART Alternative" (FRL No. 9909-37-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5552. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9907-58-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April

23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5553. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Special Exemptions from Requirements of the Clean Air Act" (FRL No. 9909-18-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5554. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Redesignation of the Milwaukee-Racine 2006 24-Hour Fine Particle Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9909-50-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5555. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Revisions to Fossil Fuel Utilization Facilities and Source Registration Regulations and Industrial Performance Standards for Boilers" (FRL No. 9800-2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5556. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Delegation of Authority Provisions in the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program" (FRL No. 9909-19-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5557. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revision for GP Big Island, LLC" (FRL No. 9909-60-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5558. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York State; Redesignation of Areas for 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter and Approval of the Associated Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9909-65-Region 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5559. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan El Dorado County Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9909-66-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5560. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Secretary of the Army's report relative to the Walton County, Florida hurricane and storm damage reduction project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5561. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Regulations" (RIN1904-AA32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5562. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Notice 2012-45 Treatment of Income from Certain Government Bonds for Purposes of the Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules" (Notice 2014-31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5563. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Contribution Limitations Made to a Health Savings Account Pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Rev. Proc. 2014-

30), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5564. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - May 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-13), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5565. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Purchase Price Safe Harbors for sections 143 and 25" (Rev. Proc. 2014-31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5566. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Actuarial Report on the Financial Outlook for Medicaid"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5567. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Interim Report to Congress on the Medicaid Health Home State Plan Option"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5568. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting proposed legislation entitled the "Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5569. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; South Dakota; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9909-08-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; States of Arkansas and Louisiana; Clean Air Interstate Rule State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 9909-56-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5571. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts" covering the period August 7, 2013 to February 6, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5572. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period December 31, 2013 through January 31, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5573. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5574. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending June 30, 2013"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5575. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Linuron; Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Corrections" (FRL No. 9908-83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5576. A communication from the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, General Services Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5577. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Financial Report of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5578. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-307, "Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Amendment Act of 2014"; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5579. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2275. A bill to expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2276. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. BURR):

S. 2277. A bill to prevent further Russian aggression toward Ukraine and other sovereign states in Europe and Eurasia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2278. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act so as to eliminate the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to limit the ability of medical providers to conduct lawful business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2279. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms.

MURKOWSKI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. LEE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HELLER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 2280. A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; read the first time.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2281. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system so that prospective students may have a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2282. A bill to prohibit the provision of performance awards to employees of the Internal Revenue Service who owe back taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2283. A bill to encourage enhanced security cooperation with European allies and continued enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2284. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2285. A bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2286. A bill to provide for greater oversight of Department of Defense service contracts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. Res. 432. A resolution recognizing the efforts of the National Park Service and others in restoring and repairing the Washington Monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 433. A resolution condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeastern province of Borno in the Federal Republic of Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 279

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 279, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, *supra*.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1992

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2094, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2178, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National

Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2223, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2244, a bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2252, a bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes.

S. 2255

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2255, a bill to remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from treatment as terrorist organizations and for other purposes.

S. 2263

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2263, a bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2265, a bill to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution

of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 364

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 364, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 1, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Importance of Regional Strategies in Rural Economic Development."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 1, 2014, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 1, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 1, 2014, at 11 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "President Obama's 2014 Trade Policy Agenda."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 1, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 1, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4486. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4486. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred):

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2262

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; that there be five amendments, intended to be proposed by the minority leader, or his designee, relative to energy policy; that no other amendment be in order to be proposed; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2265

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 2265) to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority; that the Senate proceed to immediately consider said bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. MENENDEZ objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262:

HARRY REID, JEANNE SHAHEEN, MICHAEL F. BENNET, DICK DURBIN, CHRIS COONS, BILL NELSON, T.R. HARKIN, MARTIN HEINRICH, PATRICK J. LEAHY, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, TIM KAINE, PATTY MURRAY, TOM UDALL, JOE MANCHIN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., ANGUS S. KING, JR., MARK R. WARNER.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, introduced today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. LEE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr.

KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HELLER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. HAGAN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 5,
2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 1, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 1, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ELECTING ANDREW B. WILLISON AS THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 434) electing Andrew B. Willison as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 435) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 436) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 1, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 839. A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-156).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2287. A bill to facilitate the development and commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2288. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand existing tax credits to encourage the capture, utilization, and sequestration of carbon dioxide; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) (by request):

S. 2289. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2290. A bill to increase the maximum penalty for unfair and deceptive practices relating to advertising of the costs of air transportation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 434. A resolution electing Andrew B. Willison as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 435. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 436. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. REID, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 437. A resolution recognizing the historic significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 490

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 490, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the reporting of cases of infectious diseases at facilities of the

Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. McCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1049, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps

scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1587, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, supra.

S. 2210

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 2282

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2282, a bill to prohibit the provision of performance awards to employees of the Internal Revenue Service who owe back taxes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421

At the request of Mr. BURR, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

SENATE RESOLUTION 426

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 426, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4487. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4487. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 30, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 30, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 149

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 149) to provide effective criminal

prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CRUZ objected.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM ACT

On the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4120) to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF CINCO DE MAYO

On the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 437) recognizing the historic significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo, submitted today by Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. REID, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, AS THE "NATIONAL CHESS CAPITAL"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 102) expressing support for the designation of Saint Louis,

Missouri, as the "National Chess Capital" of the United States to enhance awareness of the educational benefits of chess and to encourage schools and community centers to engage in chess programs to promote problem-solving, critical thinking, spatial awareness, and goal setting.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, introduced on Thursday, May 1, 2014 by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. LEE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HELLER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. HAGAN), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. MERKLEY objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

Ordered further, That, at 12:30 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair; and that, if the aforementioned motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time during the recess be counted against time for debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

At 7:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262, ordered to occur at 11 a.m. on today, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, instead occur at 11:15 a.m. on today.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, May 1, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 1, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 11:15 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 20

[Rollcall Vote No. 131 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand,

Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 20

Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Flake, Hatch, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, Moran, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 933

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 933) to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. COBURN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:43 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed subject to the call of the chair.

AT 2:43 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

CONDEMNING THE ABDUCTION OF
FEMALE STUDENTS BY ARMED
MILITANTS IN NIGERIA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 433) condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeastern province of Borno in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate recess from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.; and that time therein be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending motion to proceed.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of today,
At 5:30 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 6:30 p.m.

AT 6:30 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5580. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "alpha-Alkyl-omega-Hydroxypoly (Oxypropylene) and/or Poly (Oxyethylene) Polymers Where the Alkyl Chain Contains a Minimum of Six Carbons etc.; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9907-59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5581. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenoxaprop-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9909-72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5582. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9909-31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5583. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Cape Gooseberry From Colombia Into the United States" (RIN0579-AD79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5584. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law,

three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5585. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0093), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5586. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5587. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5588. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5589. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 13-3700); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5590. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0049 - 2014-0053); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5591. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Secretary of the Army's recommendation to authorize the Willamette River Floodplain Restoration Project, Lower Coast Fork and the Middle Fork, Oregon; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5592. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Secretary of the Army's recommendation to authorize the Neuse River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Project, North Carolina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5593. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Region 4 States; Visibility Protection Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9910-42-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5594. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Virginia; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9910-34-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5595. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Delaware; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9910-33-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5596. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Determination of Attainment of the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9910-32-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5597. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2013 Cellulosic Biofuel Standard" (FRL No. 9910-18-OAR), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5598. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Washington: Puget Sound Ozone Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9910-02-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5599. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California San Francisco Bay Area and Chico Nonattainment Areas; Fine Particulate Matter Emissions Inventories; Correction" (FRL No. 9909-16-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5600. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1997 Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQS" (FRL No. 9909-93-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5601. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014 through 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5602. A joint communication from the Director of National Intelligence and the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign counterspace programs; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-5603. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5604. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Federally Qualified Health Centers; Changes to Contracting Policies for Rural Health Clinics; and Changes to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 Enforcement Actions for Proficiency Testing Referral" ((RIN0938-AR62)(CMS-1443-FC)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5605. A communication from the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1611. A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans (Rept. No. 113-157).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2291. A bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms.

BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2292. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2293. A bill to clarify the status of the North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2294. A bill to require a survey of the preferences of members of the Armed Forces regarding military pay and benefits; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COONS, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2295. A bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. Res. 438. A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 15th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 4 through May 10, 2014; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 439. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 370

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, supra.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare

integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1239

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 1645, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2177

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2177, a bill to establish an Office of Forensic Science and a Forensic Science Board, to strengthen and promote confidence in the criminal justice system by ensuring

scientific validity, reliability, and accuracy in forensic testing, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2208

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2208, a bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2277

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2277, a bill to prevent further Russian aggression toward Ukraine and other sovereign states in Europe and Eurasia, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 225

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 225, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate

that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012.

SENATE RESOLUTION 353

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 353, a resolution designating September 2014 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 364

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 364, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

At the request of Mr. MORAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 433

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 433, a resolution condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeastern province of Borno in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 433, supra.

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 433, *supra*.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “New Routes for Funding and Financing Highways and Transit.”

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2014, at 3 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Ukraine—Countering Russian Intervention and Supporting a Democratic State.”

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

The Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “A More Efficient and Effective Government: Cultivating the Federal Workforce.”

RELATIVE TO BUILDING HEIGHTS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4192) to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia” to clarify the rules of the District of Columbia regarding human occupancy of penthouses above the top story of the building upon which the penthouse is placed, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 438) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 15th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 4 through May 10, 2014, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. SCOTT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 439) supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month, submitted today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30

a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262; and that the time during adjournment be counted against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending motion to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:16 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, May 7, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment by him be proposed and agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. SANDERS objected.

Mr. SANDERS asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment thereto (being the text of the bill (S. 1982) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.)

Mr. VITTER objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider bill

S. 2262; that there be no amendment, point-of order, or motion in order to the bill other than Budget Act points of order and motions to waive in relation thereto; that there be three hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on passage of the bill; that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass; that, if said bill is passed, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Thursday, May 22, 2014; that there be no amendment, point of order, or motion in order to the bill other than Budget Act points of order and motions to waive in relation thereto; that there be three hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2262

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2262.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending motion be concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

ENERGY SAVINGS AND
INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS
ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3012, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3023).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 3024).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3025).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 3026).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3027).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3027) contained in the pending motion to commit by striking "5 days," and inserting "6 days" (being amendment No. 3028).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "6 days," and inserting "7 days" (being amendment No. 3029).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2262:

HARRY REID, JEANNE SHAHEEN, EDWARD J. MARKEY, CHRIS COONS, TAMMY BALDWIN, PATTY MURRAY, DICK DURBIN, BARBARA BOXER, MARIA CANTWELL, RON WYDEN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, JON TESTER, DEBBIE STABENOW, BILL NELSON, TOM CARPER, PATRICK LEAHY, MARK R. WARNER.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3029 to amendment No. 3028 to the instructions (designated

amendment No. 3027) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the time until 3:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 3:45 p.m., it be in order for the minority leader, or his designee, to move to table the motion to commit bill S. 2262 and an amendment pending to said bill; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3029 to amendment No. 3028 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3027) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2260

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2260) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL OF
AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 2260

Mr. THUNE asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 3002) to bill S. 2262.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2260

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2260.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ENERGY SAVINGS AND
INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS
ACT

The hour of 3:45 p.m. having passed,
Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,
The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 2262.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. THUNE to lay amendment No. 3023 on the table.

On motion by Mr. THUNE,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 132 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO to lay amendment No. 3025 on the table.

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 45, nays... 51

[Rollcall Vote No. 133 Leg.]

YEAS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 51

Baldwin, Begich, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3029 to amendment No.

3028 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3027) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following messages from the President of the United States were transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S
INTENT TO WITHDRAW THE
DESIGNATION OF RUSSIA AS A
BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY
UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF
PREFERENCES (GSP) PROGRAM -- PM 40

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 502(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the "1974 Act") (19 U.S.C. 2462(f)(2)), I am providing notice of my intent to withdraw the designation of Russia as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program.

Sections 501(1) and (4) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2461(1) and (4)), provide that, in affording duty-free treatment under the GSP, the President shall have due regard for, among other factors, the effect such action will have on furthering the economic development of a beneficiary developing country through the expansion of its exports and the extent of the beneficiary developing country's competitiveness with respect to eligible articles.

Section 502(c) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(c)) provides that, in determining whether to designate any country as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP, the President shall take into account various factors, including the country's level of economic development, the country's per capita gross national product, the living standards of its inhabitants, and any other economic factors he deems appropriate.

Having considered the factors set forth in sections 501 and 502(c) of the 1974 Act, I have determined that it is appropriate to withdraw Russia's designation as a beneficiary developing country under the GSP program because Russia is sufficiently

advanced in economic development and improved in trade competitiveness that continued preferential treatment under the GSP is not warranted. I intend to issue a proclamation withdrawing Russia's designation consistent with section 502(f)(2) of the 1974 Act.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 7, 2014.*

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE
BLOCKING OF PROPERTY OF CERTAIN
PERSONS AND PROHIBITION OF
EXPORTATION AND RE-EXPORTATION
OF CERTAIN GOODS TO SYRIA -- PM 41

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency, unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004—as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011, Executive Order 13606 of April 22, 2012, and Executive Order 13608 of May 1, 2012—is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2014.

The regime's brutal war on the Syrian people, who have been calling for freedom and a representative government, endangers not only the Syrian people themselves, but could yield greater instability throughout the region. The Syrian regime's actions and policies, including supporting terrorist organizations and impeding the Lebanese government's ability to function effectively, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared with respect to this threat and to maintain in force the sanctions to address this national emergency.

In addition, the United States condemns the Asad regime's use of brutal violence and human rights abuses and calls on the Asad regime to stop its violent war and allow a political transition in Syria that will forge a credible path to a future of greater freedom, democracy, opportunity, and justice.

The United States will consider changes in the composition, policies, and actions of the Government of Syria in determining whether to continue or terminate this national emergency in the future.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 7, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5606. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Ophthalmic Devices; Classification of the Eyelid Weight" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0069), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5607. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Nutrient Content Claims; Alpha-Linolenic Acid, Eicosapentaenoic Acid, and Docosahexaenoic Acid Omega-3 Fatty Acids" ((Docket Nos. FDA-2007-0601, FDA-2004-N-0382, FDA-2005-P-0371, and FDA-2006-P-0224 (formerly Docket Nos. 2004N-0217, 2005P-0189, and 2006P-0137, respectively))(RIN0910-ZA28)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5608. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5609. A communication from the Acting Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Vertical Tandem Lifts" (RIN1218-AC72), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5610. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2014 Update"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5611. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5612. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Submission Requirements for State Mitigation Plans" ((44 CFR Part 201)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5613. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Political Activity - State or Local Officers or Employees; Federal Employees Residing in Designated Localities; Federal Employees" (RIN3206-AM87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5614. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Special Wage Schedules for Nonappropriated Fund Automotive Mechanics" (RIN3206-AM63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5615. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's audit of the United States government's fiscal years 2013 and 2012 consolidated financial statements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5616. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5617. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines that were proposed by the Commission during the 2013 - 2014 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5618. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5619. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Giants Enterprises Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0174)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5620. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River, Mile 803.5 to 804.5" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0186)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5621. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone for Fireworks Display, Patapsco River, Northwest Harbor (East Channel); Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0236)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5622. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Naval Base Point Loma; Naval Mine Anti Submarine Warfare Command; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0580)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5623. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series; Thompson Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0153)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5624. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; BWRC West Coast Nationals; Parker, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0140)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5625. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway (NJICW), Barnegat Bay, Seaside Heights, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0926)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5626. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series; Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0058)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5627. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety zone; Sea World San Diego Fireworks, Mission Bay; San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0015)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5628. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; The Boat Show Marathon; Lake Havasu, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0102)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5629. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale New River Raft Race, New River; Fort Lauderdale, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0001)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5630. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Charleston Race Week, Charleston Harbor; Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0096)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5631. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Texas City Channel; Texas City, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5632. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Akadama Fireworks Display, Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0133)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5633. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lake Havasu Gran Prix; Lake Havasu, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0177)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5634. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pago Pago Harbor, American Samoa" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0014)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5635. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0139)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5636. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Eighth Coast Guard District Annual and Recurring Marine Events Update" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1061)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5637. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Xterra Swim, Myrtle Beach, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0161)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5638. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Eighth Coast Guard District Annual and Recurring Safety Zones Update" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1060)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5639. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Helicopter Lift Operations, Main Branch Chicago River, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0128)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5640. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Great Egg Harbor Bay, (Ship

Channel and (Beach Thorofare NJICW)), Somers Point and Ocean City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0121)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5641. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Military Munitions Recovery, Raritan River, Raritan, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0153)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5642. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Arthur Kill, NY and NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2011-0727)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5643. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bat Mitzvah Celebration Fireworks Display; Joshua Cove; Guilford, CT" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0158)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5644. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas; Bars along the Coasts of Oregon and Washington" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0216)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5645. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Low Country Splash, Wando River, Cooper River, and Charleston Harbor; Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0110)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5646. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones, Delaware River, Pea Patch Island Anchorage No. 5 and Reedy Point South Anchorage No. 3" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0051)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5647. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Revolution 3 Triathlon, Lake Erie, Sandusky Bay, Sandusky, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0730)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5648. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Barnegat Inlet; Barnegat Light, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0145)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5649. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Broad Creek, Laurel, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0778)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5650. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Piscataqua River Channel Obstruction near Memorial Bridge, Piscataqua River, Portsmouth, NH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0159)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5651. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Events in Northern New England" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0904)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5652. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Tred Avon River; Between Bellevue, MD and Oxford, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1059)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5653. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Final Rule To Allow Northeast Multispecies Sector Vessels Access to Year-Round Closed Areas" (RIN0648-BD09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5654. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; American Lobster Fishery" (RIN0648-AT31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5655. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Specifications and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BD65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5656. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-BD52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5657. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2014 and 2015 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; Correction" (RIN0648-XC895), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5658. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule To Establish Separate Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-BD87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5659. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 8" (RIN0648-BD65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5660. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Closure and Trip Limit Adjustments for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XD212), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5661. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Trawl Catcher Vessels in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XD225), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5662. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Phase 1 Reopening for the Directed Butterfish Fishery" (RIN0648-XD205), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5663. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BE10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5664. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD182), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2296. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to employ at least three decision review officers at each regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2297. A bill to make demonstration grants to eligible local educational agencies or consortia of eligible local educational agencies for the purpose of reducing the student-to-school nurse ratio in public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2298. A bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. KING):

S. 2299. A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American

languages; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2300. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to conduct periodic mental health assessments for members of the Armed Forces and to submit reports with respect to mental health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2301. A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2302. A bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2303. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2304. A bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 40

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 257

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 257, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1839

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the

Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 2012

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2012, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.

S. 2117

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2117, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2193

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales, and for other purposes.

S. 2194

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2194, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 2209

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2209, a bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria.

S. 2226

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2226, a bill to establish a

WaterSense program within the Environmental Protection Agency.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2265, a bill to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2282

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2282, a bill to prohibit the provision of performance awards to employees of the Internal Revenue Service who owe back taxes.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 433

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 433, a resolution condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeastern province of Borno in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2014, at 9

a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “2014 Farm Bill: Implementation and Next Steps.”

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Progress, Challenges, and Next Steps.”

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Drivers of Job Creation.”

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “The Fight Against Cancer: Challenges, Progress, and Promise.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4120. An act to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date.

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2672. An act to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2919. An act to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain

administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3329. An act to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3468. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3584. An act to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4292. An act to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title.

H.R. 4386. An act to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 743(b)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113-76), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Commission on Hunger: Dr. Deborah Alice Frank, MD of Brookline, Massachusetts, and William Howard Shore of Boston, Massachusetts.

At 1:41 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4192. An act to amend the Act entitled “An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia” to clarify the rules of the District of Columbia regarding human occupancy of penthouses above the top story of the building upon which the penthouse is placed.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2919. An act to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3329. An act to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3468. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3584. An act to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4292. An act to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4386. An act to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on tomorrow, at 11:15 a.m., the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois; that, following said votes, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, and vote on confirmation thereof.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate on its nomination, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded; that, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of the nomination of Nancy J. Rosenstengel, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to

bring to a close debate on the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; that, following said vote, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education; that, if said motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded; that, on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum; that, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first in the aforementioned orders be 10 minutes in duration; that, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

KILAH DAVENPORT CHILD PROTECTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3627) to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2824) to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. SCHATZ asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. SCHATZ objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3826) to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, March 10, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. SCHATZ asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. SCHATZ objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 113-4, received from the President on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the time until 11:15 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 11:15 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, May 12, 2014, upon disposition of the nomination

of Steven Croley, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2262.

Ordered further. That Senators be authorized to “file” first degree amendments to bill S. 2262 until 1 p.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

At 7:40 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Trevor Barton, Pastor of Hawk Creek Baptist Church, of London, Kentucky, offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2824) to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3826) to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Monday, March 10, 2014, and read the first time on yesterday; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:15 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving seven rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474:

HARRY REID, RON WYDEN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, PATTY MURRAY, BARBARA BOXER, JON TESTER, DEBBIE STABENOW, MARIA CANTWELL, BILL NELSON, TOM CARPER, PAT LEAHY, BRIAN SCHATZ, MARK R. WARNER, CHUCK SCHUMER, JAY ROCKEFELLER, BEN CARDIN, MARTIN HEINRICH.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

CHANGE OF VOTE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SESSIONS,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That on rollcall Vote No. 140Ex his vote be changed from “yea” to “nay,” thus changing the result to yeas 57, nays 37.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY -- PM 42

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "Agreement"). I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the Agreement. (In accordance with section 123 of the Act, as amended by title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105- 277), a classified annex to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately.) The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of Vietnam's export control system with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with other countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries,

pursuant to section 102A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 403-1), as amended, is being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The proposed Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

The proposed Agreement provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with Vietnam based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. Vietnam has affirmed that it does not intend to seek to acquire sensitive fuel cycle capabilities, but instead will rely upon the international market in order to ensure a reliable nuclear fuel supply for Vietnam. This political commitment by Vietnam has been reaffirmed in the preamble of the proposed Agreement. The Agreement also contains a legally binding provision that prohibits Vietnam from enriching or reprocessing U.S.-origin material without U.S. consent.

The proposed Agreement will have an initial term of 30 years from the date of its entry into force, and will continue in force thereafter for additional periods of 5 years each. Either party may terminate the Agreement on 6 months' advance written notice at the end of the initial 30 year term or at the end of any subsequent 5-year period. Additionally, either party may terminate the Agreement on 1 year's written notice. I recognize the importance of executive branch consultations with the Congress regarding the status of the Agreement prior to the end of the 30-year period after entry into force and prior to the end of each 5-year period thereafter. To that end, it is my strong recommendation that future administrations conduct such consultations with the appropriate congressional committees at the appropriate times.

The proposed Agreement permits the transfer of information, material, equipment (including reactors), and components for nuclear research and nuclear power production. It does not permit transfers of Restricted Data, sensitive nuclear technology, sensitive nuclear facilities, or major critical components of such facilities. In the event of termination of the Agreement, key nonproliferation conditions and controls continue with respect to material, equipment, and components subject to the Agreement.

Vietnam is a non-nuclear-weapon state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Vietnam has in force a comprehensive safeguards agreement and an Additional Protocol with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Vietnam is a party to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which establishes

international standards of physical protection for the use, storage, and transport of nuclear material, and has ratified the 2005 Amendment to the Convention. A more detailed discussion of Vietnam's intended civil nuclear program and its nuclear nonproliferation policies and practices, including its nuclear export policies and practices, is provided in the NPAS and in a classified annex to the NPAS submitted to you separately. As noted above, the Director of National Intelligence will provide an addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of Vietnam's export control system with respect to nuclear-related matters.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested departments and agencies in reviewing the proposed Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the Agreement and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided for in section 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 8, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5665. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD215), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5666. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Reopening of Commercial Penaeid Shrimp

Trawling Off South Carolina" (RIN0648-XD232), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5667. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD236), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5668. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries Inseason Actions No. 1, 2 and 3" (RIN0648-XD198), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5669. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD222), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5670. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper" (RIN0648-XD173), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5671. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Critical Incident Stress Plans" (RIN2130-AC00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5672. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Demurrage Liability" (RIN2140-AB07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5673. A communication from the Attorney, General Affairs Division, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Substances and Articles; Administration and Enforcement Regulations: Revisions to Animal Testing Regulations" (Docket No. CPSC-2012-0036), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2305. A bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2306. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2307. A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2308. A bill to designate Union Station in Washington, DC, as "Harry S. Truman Union Station"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2309. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2310. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2311. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2312. A bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 32, United States Code, to eliminate inequities in the treatment of National Guard technicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2313. A bill to prohibit Congressional recesses until Congress adopts a concurrent resolution on the budget that results in a balanced federal budget by fiscal year 2024 and to control Congressional travel budgets; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2314. A bill to delegate to the Secretary of State the authority to approve or deny certain permits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2315. A bill to expand the Global Entry Program and strengthen the Model Ports of Entry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 440. A resolution recognizing the contributions of teachers to the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 441. A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2014, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to

require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, *supra*.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to establish a pilot program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter

Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1649

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1649, a bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1905

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to provide funding to the National Institute of Mental Health to support suicide prevention and brain research, including funding for the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative.

S. 2043

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2043, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from

asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2276

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2276, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2302

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2304

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France,

and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, *supra*.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, “The State of U.S. Travel and Tourism: Industry Efforts to Attract 100 Million Visitors Annually.”

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Assessing Venezuela’s Political Crisis: Human Rights Violations and Beyond.”

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the nomination of the Secretary of Health and Human Services-Designate, Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Identifying Critical Factors for Success in Information Technology Acquisitions.”

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 11:15 a.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, “Waste and Abuse in Sponsorship and Marketing Contracts.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 863. An act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

At 5:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3627. An act to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

REPEALING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING OF SENATE STATIONERY CONTRACTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2197) to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the

concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TEACHERS TO THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 440) recognizing the contributions of teachers to the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States, submitted today by Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Ordered further, That Senators may “file” second-degree amendments to bill S. 2262 until 4:30 p.m. on Monday next.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:58 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 8, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 8, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER HOUSE BILL H.R. 3474

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 8, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED DURING ADJOURNMENT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that on Friday, May 9, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, he had signed the

following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 3627. An act to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5674. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Trafficking Controls and Fraud Investigations" (RIN0584-AE26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5675. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5676. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AF69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5677. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ukraine-Related Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 589), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5678. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5679. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part

67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5680. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5681. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2012 Annual Report to the Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5682. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Report to Congress on Head Start Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2011" and "Report to Congress on Head Start Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5683. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5684. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5685. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program; Certification of Commercial Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC), Water Heating (WH), and Refrigeration (CRE) Equipment" (RIN1904-AD12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5686. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acceptance of gifted land in San Diego County, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5687. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014 through 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5688. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-007); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5689. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjusting the Penalty for Violation of Notice Posting Requirements" (RIN3046-AA95), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5690. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Category XV" (RIN1400-AD33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5691. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2015 Congressional Budget Justification; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5692. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The U.S. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program" ((RIN1651-AB01)-(CBP Dec. 14-05)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5693. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5694. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination

and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5695. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5696. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Child Welfare Act; Change of Address" (RIN1076-AF21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5697. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on applications made by the Government for authority to conduct electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence during calendar year 2013 relative to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5698. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BD82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5699. A communication from the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Climate Change Impacts in the United States: The Third National Climate Assessment" and "Highlights of Climate Change Impacts in the United States: The Third National Climate Assessment"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2316. A bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans

Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2317. A bill to restrict confidentiality agreements that prohibit the disclosure of information relating to hazards to public safety or health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2318. A bill to reauthorize the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2319. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2320. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. HATCH)):

S. 2321. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to ensure fairness in the establishment of certain rates and fees under sections 114 and 115 of such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2322. A bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 506

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and

retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1307

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1307, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 1397

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1397, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 2009

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2009, a bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2018

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2113

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2113, a bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

S. 2152

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2152, a bill to direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2190

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2190, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2206, a bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information.

S. 2213

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2213, a bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a five-person Commission.

S. 2255

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2255, a bill to remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from treatment as terrorist organizations and for other purposes.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2302

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2304

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2305

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 10. An act to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

H.R. 2548. An act to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes,

and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4366. An act to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement.

H.R. 4438. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 14, 2014, and ending May 14, 2016: Dr. Robert P. George of Princeton, New Jersey and Dr. Daniel I. Mark of Villanova, Pennsylvania.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 10. An act to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2548. To establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4366. An act to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 225

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 225) to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying

preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,
Mr. MENENDEZ objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1386

Mr. MENENDEZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1386) to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes; that the reported amendments be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,
Mr. CRUZ objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,
Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 8, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, May 7, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTIONS RELATIVE TO
CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2262

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that all amendments "filed" be in order to be considered to bill S. 2262.

Mr. REID objected.

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, on Thursday, May 16, 2014, the only amendments in order to be proposed be five minority-party amendments, relative to energy policy; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to; that, upon disposition of the amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE
DEBATE ON BILL S. 2262

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, May 7, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, May 7, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 55, nays... 36

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Ayotte, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 36

Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILLS S. 2262 AND S. 2280

Ms. LANDRIEU asked unanimous consent that the pending motion to commit bill S. 2262 with instructions, and amendments thereto, and except for amendment No. 3012 (in the nature of a substitute), all other pending amendments be withdrawn; that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate resume consideration of the bill; that the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that, except for Budget Act points of order, and motions to waive in relation thereto, no amendment, point of order, or motion be in order the bill; that there be three hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass.

Ms. LANDRIEU further asked unanimous consent that, if said bill is passed, the Senate

then proceed to consider the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Thursday, May 22, 2014; that, except for Budget Act points of order, and motions to waive in relation thereto, no amendment, point of order, or motion be in order the bill; that there be three hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass.

After debate,
Mr. FLAKE objected.
Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that time until 11:10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that, if the aforementioned motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time during recess be counted against time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of Standing Rules of the Senate, on the aforementioned motion to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:19 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, May 8,

2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 8, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 96, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 143 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, Flake, Lee.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the Senate recess, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Whereupon,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:27 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. GRAHAM asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bills (S. 1670) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes, and (S. 1696) to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services; that there be 8 hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for concurrent debate thereon; that there be no amendment, point of order, or motion in order; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bills each be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of bill S. 1670; that, upon disposition of said bill, the Senate vote on passage of bill S. 1696; and that each bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass.

After debate,
Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

DISTURBANCE IN THE GALLERY

A disturbance in the public gallery occurred when a woman began talking loudly, and was thereupon removed upon the direction of the Chair.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 11:15 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Steven Paul Logan, of

Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona; and that, following said votes, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and the nomination of Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Belize, and vote on confirmation thereof.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, the time until 5:15 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on said nominations; that, at 5:15 p.m., time for debate on said nominations, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first in the aforementioned order be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said nominations on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5700. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-309, "Skyland Town Center Omnibus Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5701. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of

Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-319, "Comprehensive Planning and Utilization of School Facilities Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5702. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-310, "Driver's Safety Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5703. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-311, "Transportation Infrastructure Mitigation Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5704. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-312, "Department of Parks and Recreation Fee-based Use Permit Authority Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5705. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-308, "Condominium Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5706. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-321, "Tobacco Product Manufacturer Reserve Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5707. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-320, "Kelsey Gardens Redevelopment Temporary Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5708. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5709. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Appalachian, Florida, and Southeast Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders" (Docket No. AMS-DA-07-0059; AO-388-A22, AO-356-A43, and AO-366-A51; DA-07-03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5710. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0071; FV13-920-2 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5711. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Appalachian and Southeast Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders" (Docket No. AMS-DA-09-0001; AO-388-A17 and AO-355-A46; DA-05-06-A), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5712. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program; Amendment of Procedures and Notification of Request for Referendum" (Docket No. AMS-LPS-13-0066), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5713. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mancozeb, Maneb, Metiram, and Thiram; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 9909-80-OCSP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5714. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Republication of the Select Agent and Toxin List; Amendments to the Select Agent and Toxin

Regulations; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0070), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5715. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2014; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-5716. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2013 Purchases from Foreign Entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5717. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals and accompanying reports relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5718. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William L. Conant, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5719. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Chile; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5720. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments and Correction to Petitions for Waiver and Interim Waiver for Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment" (RIN1904-AC70), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5721. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Washington State Implementation Plan; Update to the Solid Fuel Burning Devices Regulations" (FRL No. 9910-54-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5722. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia; Redesignation of the Rome, Georgia, 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9910-65-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5723. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 58" (FRL No. 9910-72-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5724. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia; Redesignation of the Macon, Georgia, 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9910-64-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5725. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 9910-48-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5726. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting for Affordable Insurance Exchanges" ((RIN1545-BL42)(TD 9663)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5727. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 67 Limitations on Estates or Trusts" ((RIN1545-BF80)(TD 9664)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5728. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction; Part II" ((RIN0938-AR49)(CMS-3267-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5729. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2323. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2324. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2325. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the expansion of emergency planning zones and the development of plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2326. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for consultation with State and local governments, the consideration of State and local concerns, and the approval of post-shutdown decommissioning activities reports by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2327. A bill to make continuing appropriations for certain programs that benefit sportsmen in the event of a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2328. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to preclude law firms and licensed attorneys from the definition of a debt collector when taking certain actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASEY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2329. A bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2330. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to improve futures and swaps trading, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2331. A bill to establish the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Innovation Fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHANN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. Res. 442. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REID, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 443. A resolution recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week

and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 444. A resolution relative to the death of Harlan Mathews, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH]

were added as cosponsors of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to provide for phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance payments during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to protect a women's right to

determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1793

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2094, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2133

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal antidiscrimination claims.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to

amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2284

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2284, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries, and for other purposes.

S. 2285

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2285, a bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2311

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2311, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans

Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SENATE RESOLUTION 369

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 369, a resolution to designate May 22, 2014 as "United States Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and to honor those in the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "High Frequency and Automated Trading in Futures Markets."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366A of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening Minority Serving Institutions: Best Practices and Innovations for Student Success."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Financial Management at the Department of Defense."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Judicial nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Economic Espionage and Trade Secret Theft: Are Our Laws Adequate for Today's Threats?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

The Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 13, 2014 at 3 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Solving the Problem of Polluted Transportation Infrastructure Stormwater Runoff."

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 441) designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2014, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE GOALS OF
NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM
WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRANKEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 443) recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States, submitted today by Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REID, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. HELLER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF
HARLAN MATHEWS, FORMER
UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR
THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 444) relative to the death of Harlan Mathews, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee, submitted today by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474; and that the time during morning business, adjournment, and executive session be counted against the time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 444, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator Harlan Mathews, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. CARDIN asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 357) to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or

killed in the line of duty; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

Mr. LEAHY asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 933) to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 3474

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 3474.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. WYDEN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3060, in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (amendment No. 3089).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 3090).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 3060 (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3091).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 3092).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3093).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3093) contained in the pending motion to commit by striking "5 days" and inserting "6 days" (being amendment No. 3094).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "6 days," and inserting "7 days" (being amendment No. 3095).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3060 (in the nature of a substitute); which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3060 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 3474:

HARRY REID, RON WYDEN, ANGUS KING, DICK DURBIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, MARK R. WARNER, BEN CARDIN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., CHRIS COONS, BILL NELSON, MICHAEL F. BENNET, HEIDI HEITKAMP, BARBARA BOXER, DEBBIE STABENOW, MARIA CANTWELL, CHUCK SCHUMER, TOM CARPER.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3474:

HARRY REID, RON WYDEN, ANGUS KING, DICK DURBIN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, MARK R. WARNER, BEN CARDIN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., CHRIS COONS, BILL NELSON, MICHAEL F. BENNET, HEIDI HEITKAMP, BARBARA BOXER, DEBBIE STABENOW, MARIA CANTWELL, CHUCK SCHUMER, TOM CARPER.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 162

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 162) to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 162

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 162.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 11:15 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Rosemary Marquez, of

Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona; that, following said votes, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and the nomination of Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola, and vote on the confirmation thereof.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate on its nomination, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded at 1:45 p.m.; that, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that, upon disposition of the nomination of James Alan Soto, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15 be concluded; that the Senate resume its legislative session; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3060 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 3474; and that, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first in the aforementioned orders be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5730. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5731. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to UAC Rule 401- Permit: New and Modified Sources" (FRL No. 9756-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5732. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Ability-to-Repay Standards and Qualified Mortgage Definition under the Truth in Lending Act" (RIN2900-AO65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5733. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency posed by the situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5734. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5735. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation for Certain Industrial Equipment: Alternative Efficiency Determination Methods and Test Procedures for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers" (RIN1904-AC46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5736. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-041); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5737. A communication from the Deputy Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review, Technical Amendment" (RIN0920-AA34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5738. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act" (16 CFR Part 303), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5739. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy and Water Use Labeling for Consumer Products Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Energy Labeling Rule")" (RIN3084-AB15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5740. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Revisions to Dealer Permitting and Reporting Requirements for Species Managed by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils" (RIN0648-BC12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5741. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retrospective Review Under E.O. 13563: War Risk Insurance" (RIN2133-AB82), received during in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5742. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Rear Visibility" (RIN2127-AK43), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5743. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Restraint Systems" (RIN2127-AL35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5744. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Govern the Use of Earth Stations Aboard Aircraft Communicating with Fixed-Satellite Service Geostationary-Orbit Space Stations Operating in the 10.95-11.2 GHz, 11.45-11.7 GHz, 11.7-12.2 GHz and 14.0-14.5 GHz Frequency Bands" (FCC 14-45), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5745. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tohatchi, New Mexico)" (MB Docket No. 13-250, DA 14-600), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5746. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Seaford and Dover, Delaware" (MB Docket No. 13-40, DA 14-547), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5747. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Moran, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 13-102, DA 14-603), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5748. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of

Effective Date for the Helicopter Air Ambulance, Commercial Helicopter, and Part 91 Helicopter Operations Final Rule" ((RIN2120-AK47)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0982)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5749. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Simferopol (UKFV) Flight Information Region (FIR)" ((RIN2120-AK50)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0225)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5750. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments No. (513)" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5751. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0637)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5752. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1072)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5753. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0884)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5754. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0216)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5755. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Ballonbau Worner GmbH Balloons" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0041)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5756. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0837)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5757. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; the Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0690)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5758. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Operations) Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5759. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Austro Engine GmbH Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0164)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5760. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-

AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0233)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5761. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0255)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5762. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Centrair Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0018)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5763. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0042)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5764. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0425)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5765. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0829)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5766. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0363)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5767. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher, Segelflugzeugbau Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0019)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5768. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR - GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0975)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5769. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0419)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5770. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2006-24777)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5771. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1202)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5772. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0674)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5773. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turbohaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-27009)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5774. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1069)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5775. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0668)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5776. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0865)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2076. A bill to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-158).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 753. A bill to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss (Rept. No. 113-159).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1169. A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana

for the Limestone Hills Training Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-160).

S. 1309. A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-161).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2332. A bill to expand benefits to the families of public safety officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries sustained in the line of duty and proximately resulting in death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2333. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2334. A bill to amend the Small Business Act and title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consolidated definition of a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 2335. A bill to exempt certain 16 and 17 year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2336. A bill to eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2337. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2338. A bill to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2339. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require States with failed American Health Benefit Exchanges to reimburse the Federal Government for amounts provided under grants for the establishment and operation of such Exchanges; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2340. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 445. A resolution recognizing the importance of cancer research and the contributions of scientists, clinicians, and patient advocates across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2014 as "National Cancer Research Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 1181

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to

require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to establish the American Infrastructure Fund, to provide bond guarantees and make loans to States, local governments, and infrastructure providers for investments in certain infrastructure projects, and to provide equity investments in such projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Maryland

[Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2299

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2299, a bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

S. 2302

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2302, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2316, a bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Nuclear Reactor Decommissioning: Stakeholder Views."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Charting a Path Forward for the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards Programs."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Wildfires and Forest Management: Prevention is Preservation."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program: Supporting Law Enforcement Officers When it Matters Most."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-301 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Collection, Analysis and Use of Elections Data: A Measured Approach to Improving Election Administration."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 14, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Role of Mitigation in Reducing Federal Expenditures for Disaster Response."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

COMMEMORATING AND
SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF
WORLD AIDS DAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 314) commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. COONS) to amend the pending resolution on page 5, line 6, by striking all beginning with “, as well as” through “AIDS” on line 8 (being amendment No. 3096).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. COONS) to amend the preamble by striking all beginning with the second whereas clause through the end of the fourth whereas clause, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3097).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE REGRET OF THE
SENATE FOR THE PASSAGE OF
SECTION 3 OF THE EXPATRIATION
ACT OF 1907

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 402) expressing the regret of the Senate for the passage of section 3 of the Expatriation Act of 1907 (34 Stat. 1228) that revoked the United States citizenship of women who married foreign nationals.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that time until 11:15 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, following the votes, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate recess until 1:45 p.m.

Ordered further, That, notwithstanding the recess, Senators be authorized to “file” first-degree amendments to amendment No. 3060 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 3474 until 1:45 p.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:11 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 162

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 162) to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION
OF BOURBON WHISKEY AS A
DISTINCTIVE PRODUCT OF THE
UNITED STATES

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 446) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Congressional declaration of bourbon whiskey as a distinctive product of the United States, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:15 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 162

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 162.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
At 12:36 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 1:45 p.m.

AT 1:45 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MCCASKILL in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed,
Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 162

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 162.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 3474

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that if the motion to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3060 (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 3474 is agreed to, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be considered original text for purpose of further amendment; that it be in order for the minority leader, or his designee, to propose an amendment by Mr. TOOMEY, relative to medical device tax; and that it then be in order for majority and minority amendments, relative to tax policy, to be proposed in alternating fashion.

After debate,
Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE
DEBATE ON AMENDMENT NO. 3060
TO BILL H.R. 3474

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3060 (in the nature of a substitute), proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. WYDEN), to the bill (H.R. 3474) to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 53, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 157 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 162

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 162.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE
DEBATE ON BILL H.R. 3474
WITHDRAWN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the pending motion to bring to a close debate on bill H.R. 3474 be withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5777. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (74); Amdt. No. 3588" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5778. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (32); Amdt. No. 3585" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5779. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and

Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (66); Amdt. No. 3587" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5780. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (53); Amdt. No. 3584" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5781. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (84); Amdt. No. 3583" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5782. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (173); Amdt. No. 3586" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5783. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Greenville, ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0025)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5784. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sylva, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0439)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5785. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Jefferson City, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0587)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5786. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Holdrege, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0596)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5787. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Traverse City, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0175)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5788. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace, and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tri-Cities, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0806)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5789. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Paragould, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0588)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5790. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Warsaw, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0606)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5791. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Blairsville, GA"

((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0731)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5792. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sitka, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0921)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5793. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Geneva, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1086)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5794. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Nashville, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0932)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5795. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kwigillingcock, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1008)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5796. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-35 and V-276; Eastern United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0961)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5797. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-35 and V-276; Eastern United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0961)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5798. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-265, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0952)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5799. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q-20, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0951)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-224. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorializing the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 340

Whereas, The Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization (TRIPRA) maintains stability in the insurance and reinsurance markets by continuing to deliver substantive, direct benefits to businesses, workers, consumers and the economy overall in the aftermath of a terrorist attack on the United States; and

Whereas, Insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, The terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, produced insured losses larger than any natural or manmade event in history, with claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaling approximately \$32.5 billion, making it the second most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, The sheer enormity of the terrorist-induced loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shock waves that shook insurance markets, causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, The lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel and real estate finance; and

Whereas, The United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-297, 116 Stat. 2322) (TRIA), in which the Federal Government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-144, 119 Stat. 2660) and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-160, 121 Stat. 1839) (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, Under TRIPRA, the Federal Government provides reinsurance after industrywide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceeding \$100,000,000; and

Whereas, Coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to 20% of the insurer's previous year's earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, After an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays 15% of residual losses and the Federal Government pays the remaining 85%; and

Whereas, The Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of \$100,000,000,000 of aggregate-insured losses, beyond which the Federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the Federal Government to recoup 100% of the benefits provided under the program via policyholder surcharges to the extent the aggregate-insured losses are less than \$27,500,000,000 and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, Without question, TRIA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, The presence of a robust private/public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, Without a program such as TRIPRA, many of our citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to

afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, Without Federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less access to terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage that is necessary to support our economy when acts of terrorism occur; and

Whereas, Despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat of terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate urge the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and to the news media of Pennsylvania.

POM-225. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, and Congress to give Idaho authority relative to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 105

Whereas, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) is administered by the states on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the states are subject to the rules promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture and Congress; and

Whereas, the health and welfare of the citizens of Idaho can be affected by their consumption of food items purchased with SNAP benefits; and

Whereas, a comprehensive healthy Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) for Idaho citizens would include, and should emphasize, consumption of healthy Idaho grown and produced products; and

Whereas, individuals who participate in healthy eating choices have less chance of developing chronic diseases and therefore, are able to be more productive employees, citizens and more involved in their families' lives; and

Whereas, our children's futures and consequently the future of our nation are

directly impacted by the food choices that are made for our children; and

Whereas, a healthy diet can consist of all food items, provided there is appropriate education and emphasis given to healthier food options to include proteins, grains, dairy and fruits and vegetables; and

Whereas, taxpayers have a right to expect that, whenever possible, decisions regarding the use of their tax dollars will be made at the state and local level; and

Whereas, if there is more state and local authority over foods authorized to be purchased with SNAP funds, Idaho can potentially improve the health of SNAP recipients, promote Idaho grown agricultural products and reduce the states' expenses for health care costs; and

Whereas, citizens may benefit from education to enable them to make healthier and more cost-effective decisions about purchasing food and having local control over foods authorized to be purchased with SNAP funds would give state-based producers an opportunity to educate citizens about the benefits of consuming their products: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, The Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature calls upon the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture and Congress to give Idaho the flexibility to have control over foods authorized for purchase with Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and to encourage healthy eating and lifestyle choices; and be it further

Resolved, That Idaho should be given the flexibility to determine the best methods of helping our citizens create a comprehensive state-based approach to promote physical activity, nutritional food selections, including a focus on Idaho grown agricultural products, and healthy lifestyle choices; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

POM-226. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Iowa requesting immediate action be taken by the United States Congress to repeal California legislation relative to the Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Whereas, in 2008, California voters approved Proposition 2, a ballot initiative that prohibits California farmers from employing a number of agricultural production methods in widespread use throughout the United States, including the use of industry standards used in egg production; and

Whereas, in 2010, in response to the proposition which would have placed California in a competitive disadvantage by increasing the cost of egg production within that state, the California State Legislature enacted AB 1437 which requires other states to comply with California's standards in order to continue to market eggs in that state; and

Whereas, Section 25996 of the California Health and Safety Code states that commencing January 1, 2015, a shelled egg cannot be sold or contracted to sell for human consumption in California if the egg was produced on a farm not meeting California standards; and

Whereas, the effect of California's legislation is to increase consumer prices, create financial hardship on low-income families, and deny egg farmers their right to access the nation's markets; and

Whereas, the "Commerce Clause" Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States provides in relevant part, that "Congress shall have Power...[t]o regulate commerce...among the several States..."; which has established a free trade zone now encompassing fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States; and

Whereas, the Commerce Clause is an enumerated power granted to Congress and is also a restriction imposed on states from enacting legislation that places an undue burden on interstate commerce; and

Whereas, in Federalist No. 11, Alexander Hamilton understood that "a free circulation of the commodities" among the states constituted a vital component of this nation's prosperity; and

Whereas, since 1824, in the landmark decision *Gibbons v. Ogden*, 22 U.S. (9 Wheat.) 1 (1824), the United States Supreme Court has found that states are limited in their ability to burden interstate commerce; and

Whereas, since then the principle has been long respected that the Commerce Clause bars states from erecting trade barriers that would otherwise inevitably lead to interstate trade wars, incite retaliation among the states, and ultimately irreparably injure our federal union; and

Whereas, on February 3, 2014, the Honorable Chris Koster, Attorney General of the State of Missouri, brought suit in the United States District Court in the Eastern District of California, Fresno Division, asking the court to declare the California

statute invalid, including as a violation of the Commerce Clause; and

Whereas, the Honorable Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, together with the attorneys general of the states of Alabama, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, and the attorney general of the Commonwealth of Kentucky have joined with the State of Missouri in this case; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the State of California immediately repeal all unconstitutional provisions enacted in AB 1437, including Section 25996 of the California Health and Safety Code; and be it further

Resolved, That all necessary and immediate action be taken by the United States Congress, the United States Attorney General, state legislatures, state governors, and state attorneys general to ensure the repeal of all unconstitutional provisions enacted in AB 1437, including Section 25996 of the California Health and Safety Code; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Ellen M. Corbett, Majority Leader, California State Senate; the Honorable John A. Perez, Speaker of the Assembly, California State Assembly; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States Senate; the Honorable John A. Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the United States Senate; the Honorable Frank Lucas, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives; each member of the Iowa congressional delegation; the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States; the Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture of the United States; the Honorable Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa; the Honorable Tom Miller, Attorney General of the State of Iowa; the Honorable Luther Strange, Attorney General of the State of Alabama; the Honorable Jack Conway, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; the Honorable Chris Koster, Attorney General of the State of Missouri; the Honorable Jon Bruning, Attorney General of the State of Nebraska; and the Honorable E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Council of State Governments, the National Governors Association, and the National Association of Attorneys General.

POM-227. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska urging the United States Congress to reauthorize federally provided terrorism reinsurance; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 440

Whereas, insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, produced insured losses larger than any natural or man-made event in history, with claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaling approximately \$32.5 billion, making this attack the second most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, the sheer enormity of the terrorist-induced loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets and caused insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, the lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in the construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance sectors; and

Whereas, the United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA), in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers, and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005 and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, under TRIPRA, the federal government provides such reinsurance after industry-wide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed \$100 million; and

Whereas, coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to 20% of the insurer's previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, after an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays 15% of residual losses and the federal government pays the remaining 85%; and

Whereas, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of \$100 billion of aggregate insured losses beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup 100% of the benefits provided under the program through policyholder surcharges to the extent the aggregate insured losses are less than \$27.5 billion and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, without question, TRIA and its successor acts are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, the presence of a robust private-public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, without a program such as TRIPRA, many of our citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to obtain insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers would face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and would therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism; and

Whereas, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies, and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain so for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the One Hundred Third Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session:

1. That the Legislature urges the United States Congress to reauthorize federally provided terrorism reinsurance for insurers in order to maintain stability in the insurance and reinsurance markets, to continue to deliver substantive and direct benefits to businesses, workers, and consumers, and to protect the overall economy in the aftermath of a terrorist attack on the United States.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of Nebraska's congressional delegation.

POM-228. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho recommending the United States Congress provide sufficient funding relative to domestic marketing of American seafood; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 103

Whereas, the economic expansion that is stimulated by the new and increased demand for our seafood products vastly influences our United States economic base; and

Whereas, the United States seafood industry is fruitfully productive and a key employer in the marketplace; and

Whereas, the continuing market effort is the dynamic behind industry improvement, investment, prosperity and job creation; and

Whereas, Idaho is key to the salmon industry in the United States as we are the spawning beds for millions of salmon each year that migrate to the Pacific Ocean; and

Whereas, Idaho's rivers constitute the pathway that returning salmon use to complete their life cycles from smolt to spawning salmon; and

Whereas, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Idaho Power have participated in ensuring a healthy pathway for fish to travel to and return from the Pacific Ocean: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second legislature, The Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we respectfully recommend that the Idaho delegation in Congress work together with representatives of other seafood and fish-producing states to acquire sufficient funding for effectual and maintained domestic marketing of American seafood; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-229. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging the President of the United States and the Secretary of State to use every opportunity and resource to secure the release of certain individuals from Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 106

Whereas, Saeed Abedini, is a resident of the State of Idaho and a Christian with dual Iranian-United States citizenship; and

Whereas, Saeed Abedini is a husband and father of two young children; and

Whereas, in September 2012, Saeed Abedini was arbitrarily detained in the Islamic Republic of Iran, held in solitary confinement, physically beaten, denied access to necessary medical treatment as a result of that abuse and denied access to his lawyer until just before his trial; and

Whereas, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights guarantees that every individual shall be free from arbitrary

arrest and detention and further guarantees every individual the right to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal; and

Whereas, in recent years, there has been an increase in the number of incidents of Iranian authorities raiding religious services, detaining worshipers and religious leaders and harassing and threatening minority religious members; and

Whereas, in January 2013, an Iranian court accused Saeed Abedini of attempting to undermine the national security of Iran by gathering with fellow Christians in private homes; and

Whereas, Saeed Abedini was tried in a nonpublic trial before a judge who had been sanctioned by the European Union for repeated violations of human rights; and

Whereas, during the trial, Saeed Abedini and his Iranian attorney were barred from attending portions of the trial in which the prosecution provided and the judge received evidence through witness testimony; and

Whereas, the Iranian court sentenced Saeed Abedini to eight years in prison, and this sentence was later upheld on appeal; and

Whereas, the government of Iran continues to indefinitely imprison Saeed Abedini for peacefully exercising his Christian faith; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama recently called for the release of Saeed Abedini at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, The Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we urge President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry to use every opportunity and resource at their disposal to end the unjust imprisonment of Saeed Abedini and secure his immediate release, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of State, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-230. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska supporting the participation of Taiwan as an observer in the International Civil Aviation Organization and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 38

Whereas, civil aviation plays a pivotal role in promoting cultural exchange, business, trade, and tourism; and

Whereas, the development of international civil aviation in a safe and orderly manner is the supreme cause of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

Whereas, with an excellent geographic location, Taiwan is a key aviation hub for regions in northeastern and southeastern Asia; and

Whereas, the Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), bordering the FIR of Fukuoka, Manila, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, includes fourteen international airways and four domestic airways, providing services for more than one million flights per year;

Whereas, each year, forty million travelers enter, leave, or pass through the Taipei FIR, making Taiwan a key part of air navigation in East Asia; and

Whereas, currently, more than fifty domestic and foreign airlines operate flights from Taiwan to one hundred ten cities in the world and the annual number of passengers on international flights is approximately thirty million; and

Whereas, in 2010, the number of international passengers at Taiwan's largest airport—Taoyuan International Airport—ranked sixteenth worldwide while international cargo ranked ninth, making Taiwan one of the busiest airspaces in the world; and

Whereas, without Taiwan's participation, the international flight plans, regulations, and procedures that the ICAO formulates will be incomplete and unsafe; and

Whereas, as an island in the Pacific Ocean, Taiwan is imperiled by rising sea levels and the ravages of extreme weather; and

Whereas, it is apparent that to overcome the challenges posed by climate change, there must be concerted effort and cooperation among the world citizenry; and

Whereas, Taiwan's exclusion from meaningful participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has been to the detriment of both the Taiwan people and the global community, as Taiwan not only has the means but also the incentive to make a meaningful contribution; and

Whereas, Taiwan's request to participate in the ICAO and the UNFCCC is fully in line with the United States Government's policy of supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in United Nations specialized agencies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the One Hundred Third Legislative of Nebraska, First Session:

1. That the Legislature endorses Taiwan's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization as an observer.

2. That the Legislature is supportive of all efforts to grant Taiwan official observer status at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and, as a collaborative partner of the United States on

a wide range of public issues, Taiwan should be afforded the opportunity to participate in global efforts aimed at reducing and preventing natural disasters.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, each member of the Nebraska congressional delegation, and the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City.

POM-231. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging the United States Congress to maintain an open and accessible record of states' Article V applications for a constitutional convention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 104

Whereas, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, Congress has a duty to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution "on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states"; and

Whereas, the duty to call an Article V convention on application of the states implies that Congress shall keep an accurate record of such applications of the legislatures of the states; and

Whereas, the records of Congress should be open and accessible to the people of the United States; and

Whereas, Congress does not currently keep a record of the Article V applications of the states: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Congress shall maintain a record of the Article V applications of the states in a form that is open and accessible to the people of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-232. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska urging the United States Congress to take affirmative action to enact comprehensive reform to update the immigration system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399

Whereas, the Legislature recognizes that our federal immigration laws are long outdated, causing harm to families, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas, common-sense reforms that modernize our outdated immigration laws and that are sensible, fair, and practical are necessary to protect our borders and create a strong foundation for our economy and society; and

Whereas, immigration has always been an important part of the social and economic fabric of the United States, and it is in the best interest of all that our nation's immigration laws be kept up-to-date; and

Whereas, although comprehensive immigration reform is a federal and not a state matter, the State of Nebraska has legitimate interests in the passage of effective immigration laws at the federal level; and

Whereas, Nebraska's towns and cities have experienced significant growth in immigrant population in the last two decades which has helped the state maintain its population; and

Whereas, Nebraska community leaders, educators, business owners, cattlemen, farmers, and the immigrant community have recognized that while some challenges are created by integrating new immigrant Nebraskans, the positive impacts of immigration, including economic development, tax collections, and cultural diversity, exceed the costs of resolving these challenges, demonstrated by the fact that many communities with significant immigrant populations are thriving unlike many of those communities which have not attracted immigrants; and

Whereas, Nebraska population trends indicate a future shortage of needed and qualified labor in agriculture and the skilled trades and a shortage of professionally-trained workers in our rural communities; and

Whereas, pending legislation is before the United States Congress which would accomplish comprehensive immigration reform: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the One Hundred Third Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session:

1. That the Legislature recommends that the Nebraska congressional delegation take affirmative action to enact comprehensive immigration reform to update our immigration system.

2. That such reform enacted by Congress should recognize the need to protect the borders of the United States, maintain respect for the law, embody fairness, and protect families.

3. That such reform should recognize the important role that immigrant Americans play as entrepreneurs, workers, taxpayers, and family members.

4. That such reform should protect agriculture, small businesses, and working Nebraskans and facilitate increases in the labor market and the professions necessary to protect rural communities from further economic decline.

5. That the Legislature recommends that in order to ensure adequate labor resources to support economic growth and stability, the House of Representatives should pass H.R. 15, the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act," as approved by the United States Senate, or alternatively should enact similar legislation in 2014 which embodies the principles and needs outlined in this resolution.

6. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the President of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Nebraska congressional delegation.

POM-233. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, produced insured losses larger than any natural or man-made event in history, with claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaling some \$32.5 billion, making this the second most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, the sheer enormity of the terrorist-induced loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, the lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance; and

Whereas, the United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, under TRIPRA the federal government provides such reinsurance after

industry-wide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed one hundred million dollars; and

Whereas, coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to twenty percent of the insurer's previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, after an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays fifteen percent of residual losses and the federal government pays the remaining eighty-five percent; and

Whereas, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of one hundred billion dollars of aggregate insured losses, beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup one hundred percent of the benefits provided under the program via policy holder surcharges to the extent the aggregate insured losses are less than twenty-seven billion five hundred million dollars and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, without question, TRIPRA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, the presence of a robust private and public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, without a program such as TRIPRA, many of our citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism to support our economy; and

Whereas, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-234. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana recognizing May 2014 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month and memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional research funding relative to finding a treatment and cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, the initial symptom of ALS is usually weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, as ALS progresses, the patient typically experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, ALS does not affect mental capacity of the patient, such that the patient remains alert and aware of surroundings and aware of the loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, despite the catastrophic consequences of a diagnosis of ALS, the disease currently has no known cause, means of protection, or cure; and

Whereas, research indicates that military veterans are at a sixty percent greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has promulgated regulations to establish a presumption of service connection for ALS thereby presuming that the development of ALS was incurred or aggravated by a veteran's service in the military; and

Whereas, a national ALS registry, administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is currently identifying cases of ALS in the United States and may become the largest ALS research project ever undertaken; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the awareness of the circumstances of living with ALS and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient, but also on the family and community of anyone receiving such a diagnosis; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month also increases awareness of research being done to eradicate this dire disease. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 2014 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 2341. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the authority for members of the Armed Forces to obtain professional credentials; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2342. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect children's health by denying any deduction for advertising and marketing directed at children to promote the consumption of food of poor nutritional quality; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2343. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require mandatory reporting of incidents of child abuse or neglect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2344. A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2345. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the

furnishing of water and sewage facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2346. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails, and to designate the American Discovery Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2347. A bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit the extent to which States may tax the compensation earned by nonresident telecommuters and other multi-State workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2348. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. REED):

S. 2349. A bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 2350. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the role of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in the assignment of Directors and Deputy Directors of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 2351. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2352. A bill to re-impose sanctions on Russian arms exporter Rosoboronexport; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2353. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. Res. 446. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Congressional declaration of bourbon whiskey as a distinctive product of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 447. A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 448. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the policy of the United States regarding stabilizing the currency of Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 449. A resolution commemorating and honoring the dedication and sacrifice of the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 450. A resolution designating May 17, 2014, as "Kids to Parks Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. Res. 451. A resolution recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 435

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to ban the exportation of crude oil or refined petroleum products derived from Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 997

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 997, a bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1239

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter

Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 2279

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2316, a bill to require the Inspector General of the

Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2339

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2339, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require States with failed American Health Benefit Exchanges to reimburse the Federal Government for amounts provided under grants for the establishment and operation of such Exchanges.

SENATE RESOLUTION 445

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 445, a resolution recognizing the importance of cancer research and the contributions of scientists, clinicians, and patient advocates across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2014 as "National Cancer Research Month".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Local Perspectives on Moving America."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet,

during the session of the Senate, on May 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Progress and Challenges: The State of Tobacco Use and Regulations in the U.S."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106, of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "The State of VA Health Care."

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Online Advertising and Hidden Hazards to Consumer Security and Data Privacy."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., to hold an African Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "#BringBackOurGirls: Addressing the Threat of Boko Haram."

COMMEMORATING AND HONORING THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE OF THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED OR INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 449) commemorating and honoring the dedication and sacrifice of the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty, submitted today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "KIDS TO PARKS DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 450) designating May 17, 2014, as "Kids to Parks Day", submitted today by Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014, FOR PRO FORMA SESSION, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday next, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday next, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, as pursuant to the order of yesterday; and that, upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the

nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and that, upon disposition of said motion, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:40 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014

Ms. MAZIE K. HIRONO, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 11:00:04 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 19, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. HIRONO took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014,

At 11:00:39 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, May 15, 2014, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

Mr. CORY A. BOOKER, from the State of New Jersey, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr.

BOOKER led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CORY A. BOOKER, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. BOOKER took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 162

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 162) to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5800. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modification of the Handling Regulations for Yellow Fleshed and White Type of Potatoes" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0026; FV14-946-1 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5801. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amine salts of alkyl (C8-C24) benzenesulfonic acid (dimethylaminopropylamine, isopropylamine, mono-, di-, and triethanolamine); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9909-17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5802. A communication from the Director of Congressional Activities (Intelligence), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a delay in submission of a report relative to data mining; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5803. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Eric E. Fiel, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5804. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5805. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Luxembourg; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5806. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Assurance Requirements for Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources" ((RIN2060-AH23)(FRL No. 9909-98-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5807. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Ambient Air Quality Standards, and Controlling Pollution" (FRL No. 9910-69-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5808. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Ozone" (FRL No. 9910-85-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5809. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9910-67-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5810. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Florida: New Source Review - Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9909-91-R04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5811. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9908-52-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5812. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Defer Sanctions, State of California, Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin" (FRL No. 9911-06-Region 9), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5813. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9909-71-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5814. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to material violations or suspected material violations of regulations relating to Treasury auctions and other Treasury securities offerings for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5815. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5816. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5817. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5818. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Treatment of Qualified Plan Payment of Accident or Health Insurance Premiums" ((RIN1545-BG12)(TD 9665)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5819. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "HHS Secretary's Efforts to Improve the Quality of Health Care for Adults Enrolled in Medicaid"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5820. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement" (RIN1515-AD93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5821. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5822. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5823. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) for Calendar Year (CY) 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5824. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Procedures for Automatic Change in Method of Accounting for Sales-Based Royalties and Sales-Based Vendor Chargebacks" (Rev. Proc. 2014-33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5825. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: Retiree Health Benefits Provided Through Employer's Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" (Rev. Rul. 2014-15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5826. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and Generalized System of Preferences and Trade Benefits under AGOA" (RIN1515-AD47 (formerly RIN1505-AB26) and RIN1515-AD50 (formerly RIN1505-AB38)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5827. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5828. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-056); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5829. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-012); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5830. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-189); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-034); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5832. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0054 - 2014-0070); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5833. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Report for the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5834. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5835. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "The National Healthcare Quality Report 2013" and "The National Healthcare Disparities Report 2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5836. A communication from the Director, Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Updating

Amendments to Executive Branch Financial Disclosure and Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulations" (RIN3209-AA00 and RIN3209-AA04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5837. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Sexual Orientation and the Federal Workplace: Policy and Perception"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5838. A communication from the President, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5839. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Immigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (RIN1400-AD52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5840. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Implement the Patent Term Adjustment Provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act Technical Corrections Act" (RIN0651-AC84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2086. A bill to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future (Rept. No. 113-162).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 412. A resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of

outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 421. A resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 426. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 451. A resolution recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 2354. A bill to improve cybersecurity recruitment and retention; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2355. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2356. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2357. A bill to provide for improvements in the consistency of data collection, reporting, and assessment in connection with the suicide prevention efforts of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2358. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize additional leave for members of the Armed Forces in connection with the birth of a child; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2359. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WALSH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2360. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2361. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to crack down on fraud in the Medicare program to protect seniors, people with disabilities, and taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2362. A bill to prohibit the payment of performance awards in fiscal year 2015 to employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BURR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KING, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2363. A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2364. A bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2365. A bill to prohibit the long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks

unless the Surface Transportation Board has approved the rail carrier's rail car storage plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 452. A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *City of Lafayette v. Bryan Benoit*; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 160

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 160, a bill to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, and for other purposes.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1387, a bill to establish a pilot program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1759, a bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 2009

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2009, a bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2036

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2036, a bill to protect all school children

against harmful and life-threatening seclusion and restraint practices.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2087

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2087, a bill to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program.

S. 2126

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2126, a bill to launch a national strategy to support regenerative medicine through the establishment of a Regenerative Medicine Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2169

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2169, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2244, a bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance

Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2273

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2273, a bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 2276

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2276, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.

S. 2282

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2282, a bill to prohibit the provision of performance awards to employees of the Internal Revenue Service who owe back taxes.

S. 2291

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2291, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2302

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2302, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2309

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2309, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to

officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2316, a bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2333

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2333, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

S. 2339

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 2339, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require States with failed American Health Benefit Exchanges to reimburse the Federal Government for amounts provided under grants for the establishment and operation of such Exchanges.

S. 2349

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2349, a bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2352

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2352, a bill to re-impose sanctions on Russian arms exporter Rosoboronexport.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 410

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 410, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 412

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 412, a resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 445

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 445, a resolution recognizing the importance of cancer research and the contributions of scientists, clinicians, and patient advocates across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2014 as "National Cancer Research Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 451

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 451, a resolution recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on May 20, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Economic Security for Working Women: A Roundtable Discussion."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 20, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING
THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 5 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWERS

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 11 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC
FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 20, 2014, at 2 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 309. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 685. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

H.R. 1209. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

H.R. 1726. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

H.R. 2203. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

H.R. 2939. An act to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

H.R. 3658. An act to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

H.R. 4268. An act to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to United States Route 78 in Mississippi, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2203. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4268. An act to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to United States Route 78 in Mississippi, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as modified, at 5:30 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session and consideration of the nominations of Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, May 14, 2014, as modified.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is agreed to, time for debate thereon, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; that, at 12:15 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate recess until 2 p.m.

Ordered further, That the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014, that the Senate vote today on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, be modified such that said vote occur instead at 2 p.m. on tomorrow; that all other provisions of the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014 remain in effect; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their

designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate thereon, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; and that, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2014, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That, following the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Barron on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, James Walter Frazer Green, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, Deirdre M. Daly, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014, as modified,

At 12:39 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL H.R. 3080

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REED,

Ordered, That, if the Senate receives the official papers on the conference report on the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes, by Thursday, May 22, 2014, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Thursday, May 22, 2014, the Senate proceed to consider the conference

report; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report; that the conference report receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; and that no motion or point of order be in order to the conference report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 15, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

MORNING BUSINESS

The following further transaction of morning business occurred on today:

AWARDING OF A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO SHIMON PERES

On the request of Mr. NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2939) to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AWARDING OF A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE WORLD WAR II "DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS"

On the request of Mr. NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1209) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MONUMENTS MEN RECOGNITION ACT

On the request of Mr. NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3658) to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMERICAN FIGHTER ACES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

On the request of Mr. NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 685) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 452) to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *City of Lafayette v. Bryan Benoit*, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. NELSON,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BURR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KING, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. RISCH), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. NELSON asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. NELSON objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. NELSON,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 113-5, received from the President on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. NELSON,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for

the transaction of morning business until 12:15 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 12:15 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. NELSON,

At 6:50 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, May 21, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 162

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 162) to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BURR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KING, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. RISCH), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, May 21, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 309. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5841. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Commercial Groundfish Fishery Management Measures; Rockfish Conservation Area Boundaries for Vessels Using Bottom Trawl Gear" (RIN0648-BD37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5842. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2014; Recreational Management Measures" (RIN0648-BE00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5843. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD261), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5844. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)" (RIN0694-AF87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5845. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to Chad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1036. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office".

H.R. 1228. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building".

H.R. 1451. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building".

H.R. 2391. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the "Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office".

H.R. 3060. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burseson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2366. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2367. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out programs and activities that connect the people of the United States, especially children, youth, and families, with the outdoors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2368. A bill to establish an online significant event tracker (SET) system for tracking, reporting, and summarizing exposures of members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve components thereof, to traumatic events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2369. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to consider Brunswick County, North Carolina to be part of the same metropolitan statistical area as Wilmington, North Carolina; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2370. A bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. LEE, Mr. BURR, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2371. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of major revenue legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2372. A bill to provide additional oversight and guidance to the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2373. A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2374. A bill to improve college affordability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2375. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate paid television service in certain counties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2376. A bill to designate the buildings occupied by the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, and 1201 4th Street, Southeast, in the District of Columbia as the "James L. Oberstar United States Department of Transportation Building Complex"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2377. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2378. A bill to establish a regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals under the aegis of the Federal Trade Commission, to amend the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to improve provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2379. A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2380. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the national freight policy of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. COBURN):

S. Res. 453. A resolution condemning the death sentence against Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 454. A resolution recognizing that cardiovascular disease continues to be an overwhelming threat to women’s health and the importance of providing basic, preventive heart screenings to women wherever they seek primary care; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the

Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1184

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1184, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the Medicare and You Handbook and to provide

for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to amend the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1968, a bill to allow States to let Federal funds for the education of disadvantaged children follow low-income children to the accredited or otherwise State-approved public school, private school, or supplemental educational services program they attend.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2152

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2152, a bill to direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health

Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2162

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children and to increase the earned income tax credit for childless workers, and to provide for budget offsets.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2302

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2304

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2316, a bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2335

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2335, a bill to exempt certain 16 and 17 year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws.

S. 2349

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 2349, a bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

SENATE RESOLUTION 412

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 412, a resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 421

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 421, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

SENATE RESOLUTION 451

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 451, a resolution recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Delivering Better Health

Care Value to Customers: the First Three Years of the Medical Loss Ratio.”

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 2 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Authorization For Use of Military Force After Iraq And Afghanistan.”

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Indian Education Series: Ensuring the Bureau of Indian Education has the Tools Necessary to Improve.”

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 21, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., to hold an African Affairs and East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, “The Escalating International Wildlife Trafficking Crisis: Ecological, Economic and National Security Issues.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 10 a.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, AND FAMILY POLICY

The Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Strengthening Social Security to Meet the Needs of Tomorrow’s Retirees.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3530. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

H.R. 3610. An act to stop exploitation through trafficking.

H.R. 4058. An act to prevent and address sex trafficking of youth in foster care.

H.R. 4225. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts.

H.R. 4573. An act to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

At 2:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 309. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

H.R. 685. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country’s freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

At 6:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1209. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the “Doolittle Tokyo Raiders”, for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

OBJECTION TO POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON A MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON A NOMINATION

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Barron, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, be postponed until such time as documents relative to the use of force against Americans are made public.

Mr. MARKEY objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes) during which the following occurred:

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 394

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 394) to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. LEE objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

RELIABLE HOME HEATING ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2086) to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "NATIONAL
PARK RANGER MARGARET
ANDERSON POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1036) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "CORPORAL
JUSTIN D. ROSS POST OFFICE
BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1228) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "STAFF
SERGEANT NICHOLAS J. REID POST
OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1451) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "LANCE
CORPORAL PHILLIP VINNEDGE
POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2391) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the "Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SERGEANT
WILLIAM MOODY POST OFFICE
BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3060) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building."

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF
THE SENATE FOR THE ACTS OF
HEROISM AND MILITARY
ACHIEVEMENT BY THE MEMBERS
OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
FORCES AT NORMANDY, FRANCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 421) expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
CANCER RESEARCH MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 445) recognizing the importance of cancer research and the contributions of scientists, clinicians, and patient advocates across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2014 as "National Cancer Research Month."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTINUING
OVERWHELMING THREAT TO
WOMEN'S HEALTH OF
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 454) recognizing that cardiovascular disease continues to be an overwhelming threat to women's health and the importance of providing basic, preventive heart screenings to women wherever they seek primary care, submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 1:45 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two

leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; that the final 10 minutes be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. LEAHY and Mr. PAUL, or their designees; that Mr. LEAHY control the final five minutes; and that, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate resume its legislative session; that the Senate then proceed to consider the conference report on the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes, pursuant to the order of yesterday; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report; and that provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to

protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-235. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii expressing support for the Troop Talent Act of 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces are dedicated to protecting the many freedoms that we enjoy through discipline, hard work, and self-sacrifice; and

Whereas, for many veterans the transition from military to civilian life is often a difficult one, which is evident in the higher unemployment rates experienced by post September 11th veterans; a rate that is currently 9.4 percent, which is greater than the national average which is 6.7 percent; and

Whereas, even though many veterans leave the military with valuable skills and training, several obstacles such as injuries, lack of civilian work experience, and license and certification issues hamper a smooth transition from military to civilian life; and

Whereas, H.R. 1796, or the Troop Talent Act of 2013, was created to ensure that veterans and members of the Armed Forces are provided with the proper education and training to better assist them in obtaining civilian certifications and licenses, as well as for other purposes to assist veterans in adjusting to civilian life; and

Whereas, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 directs the Secretaries of the military departments, to the maximum extent practicable, to make information on civilian credentialing opportunities available to members of the Armed Forces beginning with, and at every stage of, their training for military occupational specialties in order to permit such members to:

(1) Evaluate the extent to which such training correlates with skills and training required for various civilian certifications and licenses; and

(2) Assess the suitability of such training for obtaining or pursuing such civilian certifications and licenses; and

Whereas, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 also requires the information be made available to members of the Armed Services to be consistent with the Transition Goals Plans Success Program; and

Whereas, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 also requires the inclusion of information on:

(1) The civilian occupational equivalents of military occupational specialties;

(2) Civilian license or certification requirements, including examination requirements; and

(3) The availability and opportunities for use of educational benefits available to members of the Armed Forces, as appropriate, corresponding training, or continuing education that leads to a certification exam in order to provide a pathway to credentialing opportunities; and

Whereas, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 requires the Secretaries of the military departments to make available to civilian credentialing agencies, specified information on the content of military training provided to members of the Armed Services; and

Whereas, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 allows members of the Armed Services or veterans in pursuit of a civilian certification or license to use educational assistance provided through the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs only if the successful completion of a curriculum fully qualifies the student to take the appropriate examinations and be certified or licensed to meet any other academic conditions required for entry into that occupation or profession; and

Whereas, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 requires the military occupational specialties designated for a military skills to civilian credentialing pilot program under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 to include those specialties relating to the military information technology workforce; and

Whereas, the Troop Talent Act of 2013 directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee which was terminated on December 31, 2006, and provides the Committee with additional duties, including the development of:

(1) Guidance for audits of licensure and certification programs in order to ensure high-quality education to members of the Armed Services and veterans; and

(2) A plan to improve outreach to members of the Armed Services and veterans on the importance of licensing and certification and the availability of educational benefits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that this body supports the Troop Talent Act of 2013 along with its passage; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

POM-236. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii urging the United States Congress to adopt legislation to ease a transition to a new type of identity theft-resistant credit card; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Whereas, credit card data theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the nation, increasing 50 percent from 2005 to 2010, according to a recent report from the United States Department of Justice; and

Whereas, credit card data theft is often included in the general definition of identity theft, a crime that occurs when a thief steals an individual's personal information and uses it without the individual's permission; and

Whereas, identity theft is a serious crime that can devastate an individual's finances, credit history, and reputation, and can take time, money, and patience to resolve; and

Whereas, the number of malicious programs written to steal an individual's personal information has grown exponentially from about 1,000,000 in 2007 to an estimated 130,000,000 in 2013; and

Whereas, identity theft is expected to surpass traditional theft as the leading form of property crime, and security analysts have reported that everyone should prepare to become an identity theft victim at some point; and

Whereas, most Americans have a greater chance of having their personal identity information stolen than being actually held up at gunpoint; and

Whereas, a company has recently introduced a new type of identity theft-resistant credit card that is designed to reduce the chances of consumers being hit with fraudulent credit card debt; and

Whereas, in designing this new type of credit card, the company has developed small, digital, internal components that will allow a consumer to enter a personal unlocking code that will generate a unique credit card number for every transaction, making the card more difficult to use by thieves if it is lost or stolen; and

Whereas, at least one major bank is testing this new type of credit card in a number of small pilot programs, and more lenders may adopt the technology in the near future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Congress of the

United States, Hawaii financial institutions, and Hawaii businesses are urged to adopt legislation, policies, and procedures to use identity theft-resistant credit cards; and be it further

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States is urged to adopt legislation that would ease a transition to a new type of identity theft-resistant credit card; and be it further

Resolved, That Hawaii financial institutions and Hawaii businesses that offer credit cards are urged to use the new identity theft-resistant credit card technology to reduce the chances of consumers being victimized by identity thieves; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the President of the Hawaii Bankers Association, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.

POM-237. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the Congress of the United States to pass and the President of the United States to sign the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 663

Whereas, During the Vietnam Conflict, the United States military sprayed more than 19 million gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops used by the enemy; these herbicides contained dioxin, which has since been identified as carcinogenic and has been linked with a number of serious and disabling illnesses now affecting thousands of veterans; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991 to address the plight of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in Vietnam; and

Whereas, The act amended Title 38 of the United States Code to presumptively recognize as service-connected, certain diseases among military personnel who served in the Vietnam Conflict between 1962 and 1975; and

Whereas, This presumption has provided access to appropriate disability compensation and medical care for Vietnam veterans diagnosed with such illnesses as Type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers and soft-tissue sarcomas; and

Whereas, Pursuant to a 2001 directive, the Department of Veterans Affairs policy has

denied the presumption of a service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam veterans who could not furnish written documentation that they had "boots on the ground" in-country, making it virtually impossible for countless United States Navy and Air Force veterans to pursue their claims for benefits; and

Whereas, Many who had landed on Vietnamese soil could not produce proof due to incomplete or missing military records, moreover, personnel who had served on ships in the "Blue Water Navy" in Vietnamese territorial waters were, in fact, exposed to dangerous airborne toxins, which not only drifted offshore but also washed into streams and rivers draining into the South China Sea; and

Whereas, Warships positioned off the Vietnamese shore routinely distilled seawater to obtain potable water; and

Whereas, A 2002 Australian study found that the distillation process, rather than removing toxins, in fact, concentrated dioxin in water used for drinking, cooking and washing; and

Whereas, This study was conducted by the Australian Department of Veteran Affairs after it found that Vietnam veterans of the Royal Australian Navy had a higher rate of mortality from Agent Orange-associated diseases than did Vietnam veterans from other branches of the military; and

Whereas, When the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studied specific cancers among Vietnam veterans, it found a higher risk of cancer among Navy veterans; and

Whereas, Agent Orange did not discriminate between soldiers on the ground and sailors on ships offshore, and legislation to recognize this tragic fact and restore eligibility for compensation and medical care to Navy and Air Force veterans who sacrificed their health for their country is critical; and

Whereas, When the Agent Orange Act passed in 1991 with no dissenting votes, Congressional leaders stressed the importance of responding to the health concerns of Vietnam veterans and ending the bitterness and anxiety that had surrounded the issue of herbicide exposure; and

Whereas, Congress should reaffirm the nation's commitment to the well-being of all of its veterans and direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Agent Orange Act under the presumption that herbicide exposure in Vietnam includes the country's inland waterways, offshore waters and airspace: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives respectfully urge the Congress and President of the United States to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure for United States Navy and Air Force veterans

who served on the inland waterways, territorial waters and in the airspace of Vietnam, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania forward official copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to all the members of the Pennsylvania delegation to the 113th Congress urging the members of the delegation to support and fund the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013 and with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-238. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support the authorization of the issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction of a long-term care facility for veterans contingent upon the receipt of federal funds; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

Whereas, Hawaii's acute shortage of long-term care beds has the potential to directly impact the growing number of our veterans who are reaching a point in their lives where long-term care may become necessary; and

Whereas, the shortage of long-term care facilities will be felt in communities across Hawaii; and

Whereas, veterans have stood up for America in times of need, thereby earning the highest degree of respect and support the nation is able to give; and

Whereas, the men and women who have served our country are owed a special duty; and

Whereas, veterans of the armed services deserve safety, comfort, and dignified care in their later years; and

Whereas, providing safe and reliable care falls squarely within our commitment as a state and a nation; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States and the United States Congress are urged to support House Bill No. 2074, Regular Session of 2014, which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction of a long-term care facility for veterans contingent upon the receipt of federal funds; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and

Speaker of the House of the United States House of Representatives.

POM-239. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to grant veterans benefits to Filipino veterans who fought in World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, during World War II, the Philippines was a United States commonwealth; and

Whereas, Filipino soldiers volunteered their services after being promised full veterans benefits to volunteer to fight for the United States against the potential threat of Japan; and

Whereas, thousands of Filipino men and women risked their lives against the invading Japanese forces and assisted our nation in its efforts to liberate the Philippines; and

Whereas, Filipino soldiers fought bravely beside American troops to restore liberty and democracy to their homeland; and

Whereas, exhibiting great courage at the battles of Corregidor and Bataan, Filipino soldiers contributed to the Allied victory that ended World War II; and

Whereas, in 1941, by executive order, Filipinos who Volunteered for the Philippine Commonwealth Army and Philippine Scouts were made eligible for full United States veterans benefits for their active service during the war; and

Whereas, in 1946, by congressional act and upon the independence of the Philippines, these same Filipino veterans were denied eligibility for United States veterans benefits, such as health care, disability pensions, and burial expenses; and

Whereas, over the years, Congress has considered legislation to restore the benefits denied to Filipino veterans; and

Whereas, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included a provision that called for the release of funding for lump sum payments to Filipino veterans in lieu of pensions; and

Whereas, restoring benefits denied to Filipino veterans and fulfilling and expediting any claims that are still pending honors those Filipino veterans who served our nation so courageously; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that the President of the United States and the United States Congress are urged to grant veterans benefits to Filipino veterans who fought in World War II but were subsequently denied the benefits to which they were entitled; and be it further

Resolved, That providing these benefits does not correct the injustice and discrimination done over 60 years ago, but is a small step in making reparations; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Director of the Hawaii Office of Veterans Services, President of the Republic of the Philippines, and Philippine Consul General in Hawaii.

POM-240. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging the United States Congress to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to the United States veterans who served in the waters defined by the Combat Zone and in the airspace over the Combat Zone in Vietnam; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

Whereas, during the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed 22,000,000 gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops used by the enemy; and

Whereas, these herbicides contained dioxin, which has since been identified as carcinogenic and has been linked with a number of serious and disabling illnesses affecting thousands of veterans; and

Whereas, the United States Congress passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991 to address the plight of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving the Republic of Vietnam; and

Whereas, the Agent Orange Act of 1991 amended Title 38 of the United States Code to presumptively recognize as service-connected certain diseases among military personnel who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975; and

Whereas, this presumption has provided access to appropriate disability compensation and medical care for Vietnam veterans diagnosed with illnesses, such as Type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, prostate cancer, Parkinson's disease, multiple myeloma, peripheral neuropathy, AL Amyloidosis respiratory cancers, soft-tissue sarcomas, and other illnesses yet to be identified; and

Whereas, pursuant to a directive in 2001, it has been the policy of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to deny the presumption of a service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam veterans who cannot furnish written documentation that they had "boots on the

ground” in-country, making it virtually impossible for countless United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force veterans to pursue their claims for benefits; and

Whereas, personnel who served on ships in the “Blue Water Navy” in Vietnamese territorial waters were, in fact, exposed to dangerous airborne toxins, which not only drifted offshore but also washed into streams and rivers draining into the South China Sea; and

Whereas, Agent Orange has been verified, through various studies and reports, as a wide-spreading chemical that was able to reach United States Navy ships through the air and waterborne distribution routes; and

Whereas, warships positioned off the Vietnamese shore routinely distilled seawater to obtain potable water; and

Whereas, an Australian study in 2002 found that the distillation process, instead of removing toxins, actually concentrated dioxin in water used for drinking, cooking, and washing; and

Whereas, this study was conducted by the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs after it found that Vietnam veterans of the Royal Australian Navy suffered from a higher rate of mortality from Agent Orange-associated diseases than did Vietnam veterans from other branches of the military; and

Whereas, when the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studied specific cancers among Vietnam veterans, it found a higher risk of cancer among United States Navy veterans; and

Whereas, herbicides containing tetrachlorodibenzodioxin (TCDD), a contaminant in Agent Orange, did not discriminate between soldiers on the ground and sailors on ships offshore; and

Whereas, more than 30 veterans’ service organizations support the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013 (H.R. 543); and

Whereas, by not passing H.R. 543, a precedent could be set to selectively provide certain categories of veterans with injury-related medical care while denying such care to other categories of veterans, without any financial, scientific, or consistent reasoning; and

Whereas, when the Agent Orange Act passed in 1991 with no dissenting votes, congressional leaders stressed the importance of responding to the health concerns of Vietnam veterans and ending the bitterness and anxiety that had surrounded the issue of herbicide exposure; and

Whereas, the federal government has also demonstrated its awareness of the hazards of Agent Orange exposure through its involvement in the identification, containment, and mitigation of dioxin “hot spots” in Vietnam; and

Whereas, the United States Congress should reaffirm the nation’s commitment to the well-being of all of its veterans and direct the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Agent Orange Act under the presumption that herbicide exposure in the Republic of Vietnam includes the country’s inland waterways, offshore waters, and airspace, encompassing the entire Combat Zone: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that the United States Congress is respectfully urged to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States veterans who served in the waters defined by the Combat Zone and in the airspace over the Combat Zone in Vietnam; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States Congress is respectfully urged to enter this Resolution into the Congressional Record as an official memorial to the Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii’s Congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2015" (Rept. No. 113-163).

By Mr. PRYOR, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2389. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-164).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 37. A bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-165).

S. 258. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-166).

S. 715. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-167).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 782. A bill to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-168).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 995. A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-169).

S. 1252. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 113-170).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 1341. A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-171).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

H.R. 1033. A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (Rept. No. 113-172).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 2337. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado (Rept. No. 113-173).

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4486. A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-174).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 2142. A bill to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of

human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-175).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2381. A bill to clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2382. A bill to establish the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers for purposes of determining cost-of-living increases under the Social Security Act, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of \$250,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2383. A bill to direct the Office of the Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2384. A bill to require the President to develop a watch list and a priority watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to United States trade secrets or proprietary information, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons that knowingly benefit from such espionage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2385. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Truth in Lending Act to provide for disclosure and codes of conduct with respect to consumer financial products or services and institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2386. A bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement

agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2387. A bill to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with eligible Indian tribes to manage land buy-back programs, to require that certain amounts be deposited into interest bearing accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2388. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2389. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2390. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a tax credit for foster families; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 2391. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2392. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2393. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the protection and enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2394. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture

to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2395. A bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHANNIS, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2396. A bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2397. A bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.3 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2398. A bill to amend a provision of title 49, United States Code, relating to motor vehicle safety civil penalties; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2399. A bill to safeguard the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters and to provide the resources and oversight necessary to ensure equal access to the electoral process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 2400. A bill to provide for improvement of field emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2401. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of the Medical Inspector within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2402. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to address the need to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2403. A bill to ensure that programs of training services under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 make better use of participants' prior learning so as to better assist the participants in obtaining degrees and other recognized postsecondary credentials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2404. A bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2405. A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2406. A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2407. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 by authorizing the United States Agency for International Development to continue supporting the development of technologies for global health under the Health Technologies Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2408. A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, and production of oil and gas in and from the western portion of the Coastal Plain of the State of Alaska without surface occupancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2409. A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist

Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 455. A resolution designating May 2014 as "Older Americans Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 456. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 457. A resolution designating the week of May 18 through May 24, 2014, as "National Public Works Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 458. A resolution recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month and honoring Holocaust survivors and their contributions to the United States of America; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 459. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2014 as "National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 460. A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2014 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to

the history of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 461. A resolution honoring James L. Oberstar as a remarkable public servant who served in Congress with extraordinary dedication and purpose; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. Res. 462. A resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 463. A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Billy Frank, Jr. and expressing condolences on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. Con. Res. 36. A concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the next of kin or personal representative of Raoul Wallenberg; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 9

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 9, a bill to strengthen our Nation's electoral system by ensuring clean and fair elections.

S. 163

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 163, a bill to prohibit any regulation regarding carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney

transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 482

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the

Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, supra.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect.

S. 1363

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1716, a bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 1743

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1743, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes.

S. 1744

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes.

S. 1820

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1820, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

S. 1960

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1960, a bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1988

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1988, a bill to allow States to waive regulations promulgated under the Clean Air Act relating to electric generating units under certain circumstances.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 2013, *supra*.

S. 2060

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2060, a bill to direct the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board to develop accessibility guidelines for electronic instructional materials and related information technologies in institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2176

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2176, a bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on

loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2198

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2198, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies to the State of California due to drought, and for other purposes.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2243

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2243, a bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2244, a bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, *supra*.

S. 2276

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2276, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2297

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2297, a bill to make demonstration grants to eligible local educational agencies or consortia of eligible local educational agencies for the purpose of reducing the student-to-school nurse ratio in public elementary schools and secondary schools.

S. 2302

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were withdrawn as cosponsors of S. 2302, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, *supra*.

S. 2355

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2355, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

S. 2362

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2362, a bill to prohibit the payment of performance awards in fiscal year 2015 to employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2363, *supra*.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 2377

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2377, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

SENATE RESOLUTION 218

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 218, a resolution honoring the legacy of A. Philip Randolph and saluting his efforts on behalf of the people of the United States to form "a more perfect union".

SENATE RESOLUTION 453

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 453, a resolution condemning the death sentence against Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 453, *supra*.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MENENDEZ,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet,

during the session of the Senate, on May 22, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Access and Supports for Servicemembers and Veterans in Higher Education."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 22, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Bringing Our Transit Infrastructure to a State of Good Repair."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4031. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. MENENDEZ asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Treaty Document 112-1; that the treaty be considered advanced through various parliamentary stages including presentation of resolutions of ratification; that committee declarations be agreed to; that, if the resolution of ratification is agreed to, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

After debate,
Mr. PAUL objected.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report on bill H.R. 3080, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard G. Frank, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human

Services; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 4031

Mr. RUBIO asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4031) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,
Mr. SANDERS objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 3080

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, May 20, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,
On motion by Mr. CORKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by three-fifths of the Senators present, were ordered

on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

The question being taken.
It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 91, nays... 7

[Rollcall Vote No. 163 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 7

Burr, Coburn, Flake, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, Roberts.

So the conference report was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,
The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2362

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2362.
The question being on agreeing to the motion.
Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; that the nomination be confirmed; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Mr. HATCH objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2362

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2362.
The question being on agreeing to the motion.
Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Keith M. Harper, of Maryland, to be United States Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.
The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, to be Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.
The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Mark G. Mastroianni, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.
The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Bruce Howe Hendricks, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.
The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Tanya S. Chutkan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.
The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.
The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AMENDING THE CLEAN AIR ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 724) to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF TWO SMALL PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 862) to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COLLINSVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 316) to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NORTH TEXAS INVASIVE SPECIES BARRIER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4032) to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Utility Authority, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2198) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California and other Western States due to drought, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3227, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI), so as to read: "A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Agriculture, and

the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies to the State of California due to drought, and for other purposes."

AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE 65TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1726) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GOLD MEDAL TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4488) to make technical corrections to two bills enabling the presentation of Congressional gold medals, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 455) designating May 2014 as "Older Americans Month," submitted today by Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 456) recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system, submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. BOXER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 457) designating the week of May 18 through May 24, 2014, as "National Public Works Week," submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BARRASSO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND HONORING HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 458) recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month and honoring Holocaust survivors and their contributions to the United States of America, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PORTMAN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO CHILDHOOD STROKE AND RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 459) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2014 as "National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 460) recognizing the significance of May 2014 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States, submitted today by Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr.

BEGICH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WARNER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING JAMES L. OBERSTAR AS A REMARKABLE PUBLIC SERVANT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 461) honoring James L. Oberstar as a remarkable public servant who served in Congress with extraordinary dedication and purpose, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BEGICH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PERMITTING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 36) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the next of kin or personal representative of Raoul Wallenberg, submitted today by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from Friday, May 23, 2014 until Tuesday, June 3, 2014, Mr. ROCKEFELLER and Mr. REED be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS
DURING RECESS OR
ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the VICE PRESIDENT, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR
ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2014, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014; that, on Monday, June 2, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Keith M. Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to a vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:54 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 10:00:03 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 23, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. REED took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

At 10:00:31 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of yesterday, until 12 noon on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

Ms. MARIA CANTWELL, from the State of Washington, called the Senate to order at 12:00:04 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 27, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARIA CANTWELL, a Senator from the State of Washington, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Ms. CANTWELL took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, May 22, 2014,

At 12:00:30 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, May 22, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2014.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014

Mr. JACK REED, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 30, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. REED took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, May 22, 2014,

At 2:00:31 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, May 22, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014.

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 2, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 22, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 22, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 22, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, May 23, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 862. An act to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, May 22, 2014, the enrolled bill was signed on Friday, May 23, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REED).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 724. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles.

H.R. 1036. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office".

H.R. 1228. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building".

H.R. 1451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building".

H.R. 2391. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the "Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office".

H.R. 2939. An act to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

H.R. 3060. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burseson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building".

H.R. 4032. An act to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfer by the North Texas Municipal Water

District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4488. An act to make technical corrections to two bills enabling the presentation of congressional gold medals, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, May 22, 2014, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on Friday, May 30, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REED).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 29, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 611. An act to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, May 30, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1726. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

H.R. 3080. An act to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3658. An act to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, May 22, 2014, the enrolled bills were signed on Friday, May 30, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REED).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5846. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyflumetofen; Pesticide

Tolerances" (FRL No. 9905-80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5847. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the annual report on the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile, complex, delivery systems, and command and control systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5848. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 Annual Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessments from the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, the three national security laboratory directors, and the Commander, United States Strategic Command (DCN OSS No. 2014-0706); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5849. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contractor Personnel Supporting U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States" ((RIN0750-AI01)(DFARS Case 2013-D015)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5850. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to changes to previously-closed positions in the Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5851. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the percentage of funds that was expended during the preceding fiscal year and is projected to be expended during the current and ensuing fiscal year for the Department's depot maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5852. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Raymond V. Mason, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5853. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5854. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5855. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5856. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Enhanced Supplementary Leverage Ratio Standards for Certain Bank Holding Companies and Their Subsidiary Insured Depository Institutions" (RIN1557-AD69), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5857. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integration of National Bank and Savings Association Regulations: Interagency Rules" (RIN1557-AD75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5858. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Jemez Mountains Salamander" (RIN1018-AZ28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5859. A communication from the Biologist of Ecological Services of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Wood Bison in Alaska" (RIN1018-AW57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5860. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Leavenworthia exiqua* var. *laciniata* (Kentucky Glade Cress)" (RIN1018-AZ47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5861. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Management Authority, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Regulations Implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Updates Following the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES" (RIN1018-AW82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5862. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Regulations Limiting Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides" (FRL No. 9901-93-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5863. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Revision of the Venting Prohibition for Specific Refrigerant Substitutes" (FRL No. 9911-42-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5864. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee; Removal of Obsolete Regulations" (FRL No. 9911-44-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5865. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of New Sources and Modifications in Indian Country -

Amendments to the Federal Indian Country Minor New Source Review Rule" (FRL No. 9909-78-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5866. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of States' Requests to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Volatility Standard in Florida, and the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Areas in North Carolina" (FRL No. 9911-13-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5867. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of States' Requests to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Volatility Standard in Florida, and the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Areas in North Carolina" (FRL No. 9911-12-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5868. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Oregon; Approval of Substitution for Transportation Control Measures" (FRL No. 9911-23-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5869. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit a Prevention of Significant Deterioration State Implementation Plan Revision for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers (PM_{2.5})" (FRL No. 9911-25-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5870. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Stage II Requirements for Hertz Corporation facility at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Boone County" (FRL No. 9911-24-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May

21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5871. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho: Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9911-09-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5872. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Revision to the Chicago 8-Hour Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9910-92-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5873. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley; Contingency Measures for the 1997 PM_{2.5} Standards" (FRL No. 9911-07-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5874. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - Final Regulations to Establish Requirements for Cooling Water Intake Structures at Existing Facilities and Amend Requirements at Phase I Facilities" (FRL No. 9817-3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5875. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Property Used To Acquire Parent Stock or Securities in Certain Triangular Reorganizations Involving Foreign Corporations" (Notice 2014-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5876. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pilot Penalty Relief Program - Late Annual Reporting for Non-

Title I Retirement Plans ("One-Participant Plans" and Certain Foreign Plans)" (Rev. Proc. 2014-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5877. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relief from Internal Revenue Code Late Filer Penalties for Certain Employee Benefit Plans" (Notice 2014-35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5878. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Contract Year 2015 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs" ((RIN0938-AR37)-(CMS-4159-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5879. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS 2014-0712); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5880. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-016); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5881. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Agency Drug-Free Workplace Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5882. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5883. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5884. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5885. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-324, "Closing of a Portion of the Public Alley and Acceptance of Dedication of Land for Alley Purposes in Square 75, S.O. 12-03806, Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5886. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-325, "Child Development Home License Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5887. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hart-Scott-Rodino Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5888. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5889. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for *Leavenworthia exigua* var. *laciniata* (Kentucky Glade Cress)" (RIN1018-AZ28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 2410. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-176).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 364. A bill to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-177).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 974. A bill to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-178).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1300. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects (Rept. No. 113-179).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1301. A bill to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon (Rept. No. 113-180).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2410. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2411. A bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2412. A bill to establish an Employee Ownership and Participation Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WALSH, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2413. A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 506

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1014

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes.

S. 1069

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1239

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1970

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify safe harbor requirements applicable to automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes.

S. 1973

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 1973, a bill to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mr. PAUL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, supra.

S. 2025

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2025, a bill to require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of collected personal information, and for other purposes.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2143

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 2169

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2169, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes)

for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2255

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2255, a bill to remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from treatment as terrorist organizations and for other purposes.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, supra.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2321, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to ensure fairness in the establishment of certain rates and fees under sections 114 and 115 of such title, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] and the Senator from South

Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2373, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 2388

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2388, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems, and for other purposes.

S. 2401

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2401, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of the Medical Inspector within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 353

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 353, a resolution designating September 2014 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 451

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 451, a resolution recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record.

SENATE RESOLUTION 453

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 453, a resolution condemning the death sentence against Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 453, supra.

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 453, supra.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 453, supra.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 611. An act to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 503. An act to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2527. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training.

H.R. 2942. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 3361. An act to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3366. An act to provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon.

H.R. 4028. An act to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom.

H.R. 4261. An act to improve the research of Gulf War Illness, the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4587. An act to impose targeted sanctions on individuals responsible for carrying out or ordering human rights abuses against the citizens of Venezuela, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4660. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4681. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2527. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2942. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3361. An act to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3366. An act to provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4028. An act to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4261. An act to improve the research of Gulf War Illness, the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4681. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015

for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 22, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein and the minority control the second half therein; and that the time during morning business be counted against the time for debate on the nomination of Keith M. Harper, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15.

Ordered further, That, at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Keith M. Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, at 12 noon on tomorrow, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, on said nomination be concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of said nomination; and that, upon disposition of the nomination on tomorrow, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the motion on tomorrow, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. WARREN,

At 7:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, June 3, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 611. A bill to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5890. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Increment 3 program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5891. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5892. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5893. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William L. Copeman III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5894. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Charles W. Martoglio, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5895. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exchange of Mutilated Paper Currency" (31 CFR Part 100), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5896. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations; Conforming Changes to the EAR based on Amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations" (RIN0694-AG11), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5897. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5898. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2014 annual report to

Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5899. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-339, "Underinsured Motorist Carrier Fairness Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5900. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-340, "Breastmilk Bank and Lactation Support Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5901. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-341, "Comprehensive Code of Conduct and BEGA Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5902. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Wage Garnishment" (RIN3206-AM89), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5903. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5904. A communication from the Director, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Report on Final Action for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5905. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-016, Defense Base Act" (RIN9000-AM50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5906. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-028, Contractor Comment Period, Past Performance Evaluations" (RIN9000-AM40),

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5907. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-017, Expansion of Applicability of the Senior Executive Compensation Benchmark" (RIN9000-AM38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5908. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2014-016, Repeal of the Recovery Act Reporting Requirements" (RIN9000-AM77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5909. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2012-024, Commercial and Government Entity Code" (RIN9000-AM49), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5910. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-74, Introduction" (FAC 2005-74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5911. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-74, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5912. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5913. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5914. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5915. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5916. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5917. A communication from the Acting Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5918. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-241. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 4065 and S. 2032 - The Smartphone Theft Protection Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-242. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, expressing support for the energetic advocacy of federal representatives for increasing the strictness of the regulations that govern rail transport of hazardous liquids; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-243. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Ana, California, expressing support for comprehensive federal immigration reform and urging the 113th Congress to enact reforms that secure our borders, ensure economic strength, and promote stronger communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-244. A resolution approved by the Town Board, Town of Jefferson, Wisconsin, supporting the passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution regarding constitutional rights and political spending; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2414. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2415. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to eliminate limitations on direct contributions to candidates, to require disclosure of certain contributions within 24 hours of receipt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2416. A bill to apply laws that restrict the political speech of American citizens to media corporations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2417. A bill to provide greater controls and restriction on revolving door lobbying; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2418. A bill to amend title 11 and title 29, United States Code, to increase the amount of unsecured claims for salaries and wages given priority in bankruptcy, to provide for payments to retirees to compensate for lost health insurance benefits resulting from the bankruptcy of their former employer, to protect the health benefits of employees and retirees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2419. A bill to protect America's veterans from dishonesty and malfeasance in

the delivery of medical services and to hold the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable to those they serve; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2420. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 2421. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2422. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2423. A bill to improve wait times for appointments for hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve accountability of employees responsible for long wait times for such appointments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COATS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2424. A bill to provide veterans with the choice of medical providers and to increase transparency and accountability of operations of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 464. A resolution designating June 2014 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 465. A resolution commemorating the centennial of Webster University; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 466. A resolution designating the week of October 27 through November 2, 2014, as "National Drug Take-Back Week", and designating October 2014 as "National Prescription Opioid and Heroin Abuse Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 895

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 895, a bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1341

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1341, a bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1656

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1656, a bill to clarify that volunteers at a children's consignment event are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr.

MURPHY] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services.

S. 1979

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1979, a bill to provide for USA Retirement Funds, to reform the pension system, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2031

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2031, a bill to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2070, a bill to

reduce the number of nuclear-armed submarines operated by the Navy, to prohibit the development of a new long-range penetrating bomber aircraft, to prohibit the procurement of new intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2270

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, supra.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2371

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2371, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of major revenue legislation.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2395, a bill to repeal the Authorization for

Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002.

S. 2399

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2399, a bill to safeguard the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters and to provide the resources and oversight necessary to ensure equal access to the electoral process.

S. 2413

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 2413, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 451

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 451, a resolution recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record.

SENATE RESOLUTION 453

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 453, a resolution condemning the death sentence against Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Examining the Safety and Effectiveness of our Transportation Systems."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 3, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining a Constitutional Amendment to Restore Democracy to the American People."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GREEN JOBS AND THE NEW ECONOMY

The Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Farming, Fishing, Forestry and Hunting in an Era of Changing Climate."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 3, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

INSURANCE CAPITAL STANDARDS CLARIFICATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2270) to clarify the application of certain

leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for Ms. COLLINS) to strike all after the enacting clause, and insert, in lieu thereof, other words (being amendment No. 3229, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE DEATH SENTENCE AGAINST MERIAM YAHIA IBRAHIM ISHAG

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 453) condemning the death sentence against Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for Mr. RUBIO) to amend the pending resolution on page 3, line 5, by striking "son," and inserting "children" (being amendment No. 3230).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Ms. STABENOW (for Mr. RUBIO) to amend the preamble on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3231).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Ms. STABENOW,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 464) designating June 2014 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase

awareness of aphasia, submitted today by Mr. TIM JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE
CENTENNIAL OF WEBSTER
UNIVERSITY

On the request of Ms. STABENOW,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 465) commemorating the centennial of Webster University, submitted today by Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. STABENOW,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2422) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. HIRONO), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. STABENOW asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. STABENOW objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. STABENOW,

At 6:29 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 4, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2422) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. HIRONO), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2414

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2414) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5918. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5919. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Further Guidance on the Implementation of FATCA and Related Withholding Provisions" (Notice 2014-33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5920. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "HHS Secretary's Efforts to Improve Children's Health Care Quality in Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5921. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Interim Report to Congress on the Community First Choice (CFC) Option"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5922. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5923. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5924. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial and Industrial

Electric Motors" (RIN1904-AC28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5925. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing activities and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5926. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preheat and Interpass Temperature Control for the Welding of Low-Alloy Steel for Use in Fuel Reprocessing Plans and in Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants" (Regulatory Guide 3.29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5927. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Acquisition of Supplies and Services" (Management Directive 11.1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5928. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intermediary Relending Program" (RIN0570-AA86), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5929. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1 FR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5930. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for 2014 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" (RIN0581-AD35)(Docket No. AMS-CN-13-

0085)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5931. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Advantame" (Docket No. FDA-2009-F-0303), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5932. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayment for Medications in 2014" (RIN2900-AO91), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5933. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accelerated Cost Recovery System" (Rev. Rul. 2014-17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5934. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 2014-16), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5935. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the "2014 Report to Congress on Vulnerability Assessments for Fiscal Year 2013" (OSS-2014-0741); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5936. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan, Conformity Budgets, Emissions Inventories; State of New York" (FRL No. 9911-56-Region 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May

30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5937. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions for Permitting of Particulate Matter with Diameters Less Than or Equal to 2.5 Micrometers (PM2.5)" (FRL No. 9909-35-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5938. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5939. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-039); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5940. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-048); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5941. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials' travel to Afghanistan for the period of June 1, 2014 through September 20, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5942. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense assigning women to previously closed positions in the Army's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5943. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Reserve Component Equipment Procurement and Military Construction for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by

unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2425. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to reduce the shortage of psychiatrists in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs by repaying loans for certain psychiatrists, to carry out a pilot program to provide housing allowances to health care providers of the Veterans Health Administration who accept assignment at rural and highly rural clinics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2426. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2427. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2428. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs provides temporary care in the most cost effective manner when patients are relocated during medical facility construction and renovation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2429. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2430. A bill to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2431. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2432. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 467. A resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Fishermen's Terminal in the Port of Seattle and celebrating Seattle's rich maritime heritage and its importance to the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 506

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1214

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection

Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1708, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.

S. 1761

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1761, a bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1883

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1883, a bill to extend duty-free treatment for certain trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2162

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children and to increase the earned income tax credit for childless workers, and to provide for budget offsets.

S. 2208

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2208, a bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Delaware

[Mr. COONS], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2358

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2358, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize additional leave for members of the Armed Forces in connection with the birth of a child.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2370

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2370, a bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2405, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2408

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2408, a bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, and production of oil and gas in and from the western portion of the Coastal Plain of the State of Alaska without surface occupancy, and for other purposes.

S. 2409

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2409, a bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska.

S. 2413

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2413, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2414

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors

of S. 2414, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2414, supra.

S. 2422

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2422, a bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 36, a joint resolution relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "NRC's Implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendations and other Actions to Enhance and Maintain Nuclear Safety."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Evaluating Port Security: Progress Made and Challenges Ahead."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2014, at 3 p.m., in Room 432 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "From Military Service to Small Business Owners: Supporting America's Veteran Entrepreneurs."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Student Loan Servicing: The Borrower's Experience."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE LAW

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the Location Privacy Protection Act of 2014.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stefan M. Selig, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; that, if said nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes).

FURTHER PERIOD OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF A.
PHILIP RANDOLPH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 218) honoring the legacy of A. Philip Randolph and saluting his efforts on behalf of the people of the United States to form "a more perfect union".

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BILLY
FRANK, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 463) honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Billy Frank, Jr., and expressing condolences on his passing.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF FISHERMAN'S
TERMINAL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 467) recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Fishermen's Terminal in the Port of Seattle and celebrating Seattle's rich maritime heritage and its importance to the United States, submitted today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes, introduced today by Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 1:45 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; that the final 20 minutes therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. WYDEN and Mr. HATCH, or their designees; that Mr. WYDEN control the final 10 minutes therein; and that, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. BARRASSO.

RELATIVE TO ONGOING HUMAN
RIGHTS CONCERNS IN THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BARRASSO,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 451) recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 5:34 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 5, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL
Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2363**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5944. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule to Implement a 2014 Gray Triggerfish Recreational Sector Quota Reduction and Recreational Harvest Closure in the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XD033), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5945. communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime" ((RIN3060-AG49)(DA 14-434)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5946. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Island Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD260), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5947. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to certifications granted in relation to the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5948. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Quadrennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996" ((MB Docket No. 14-50) (FCC 14-28)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5949. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2014 Management Measures" (RIN0648-XD072), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5950. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework Adjustment 51 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-BD88), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5951. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sector Operations Plans and Allocations for Fishing Year 2014" (RIN0648-XC995), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5952. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Interim 2014 Pacific Sardine Harvest Specifications" (RIN0648-XD020), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5953. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5954. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Temporary Rule; Inseason Angling Category Retention Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XD251), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5955. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Commercial Harvest of Gray Triggerfish in South Atlantic Waters" (RIN0648-XD271), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5956. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack Recreational Sector Annual Catch Limit and Annual Catch Target Reduction" (RIN0648-XD230), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5957. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction for Final Rule to Modify Bottom Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area Boundaries for Vessels in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery" (RIN0648-BD37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5958. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement an Accountability Measure for the Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery" (RIN0648-BE08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5959. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule to Implement a 2014 Red Grouper Recreational Sector Accountability Measures in the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XD231), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5960. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5961. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5962. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Annual Report: U. S. Department of Transportation's Status of Actions Addressing the Safety Issue Areas on the NTSB's Most Wanted List"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5963. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Jones Beach Air Show; Atlantic Ocean, Sloop Channel through East Bay, and Zach's Bay; Wantagh, NY" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0250)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5964. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Bush River, Perryman, MD" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0972)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5965. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast Guard District" ((RIN1625-AA00 and RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0095)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5966. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Stuart Sailfish Regatta, Indian River; Stuart, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0089)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5967. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sabine River, Orange, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0134)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5968. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Captain of the Port Boston Fireworks display zones, Boston Harbor, Boston, Ma" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0503)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5969. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Tiburon's 50th Anniversary Fireworks, San Francisco Bay, Tiburon, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0175)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5970. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Titusville, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0279)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5971. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; BMA Media Group Fireworks, Presque Isle Bay, Erie, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0258)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5972. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Atlantic Ocean; Virginia Beach, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0111)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5973. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Atlantic Ocean; Virginia Beach, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0007)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5974. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Citizenship Requirements for Crewmembers on Commerical Fishing Vessels" ((RIN1625-AB50)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0625)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5975. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Elizabeth River, Elizabeth, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0285)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5976. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Belt Parkway Bridge Construction, Gerritsen Inlet, Brooklyn, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0471)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5977. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Atlantic Ocean; Ocean City, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0056)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5978. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Fifth Coast Guard District Fireworks Display Cape Fear River; Wilmington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0148)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5979. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an Executive Order that terminates the prohibitions contained in section 1 of Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as amended by Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5980. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Thailand; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5981. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorizations in the People's Republic of China: Samsung China Semiconductor Co. Ltd and Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation" (RIN0694-AG15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5982. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations Based on the 2013 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements" (RIN0694-AG02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5983. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5984. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, with respect to Russia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5985. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5986. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5987. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Freezers" (RIN1904-AB86), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on June 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5988. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. ND-053-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2012-0006)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5989. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. UT-049-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2012-0015)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5991. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Gainsharing Demonstration: Final Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5992. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange and Insurance Market Standards for 2015 and Beyond" ((RIN0938-AS02)-(CMS-9949-F)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5993. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange and Insurance Market Standards for 2015 and Beyond" ((RIN0938-AS02)-(CMS-9949-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 20, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5994. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0740); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5995. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the February 15, 2014 - April 15, 2014 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5996. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-024); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5997. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Continuation of Certain Benefit and Loan Programs, Acreage Reporting, Average Adjusted Gross Income, and Payment Limit" (7 CFR Chapter XIV), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5998. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Relaxing Grade Requirements for Valencia and Other Late Type Oranges" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0041; FV14-905-2 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5999. A communication from the Director of Congressional Activities (Intelligence), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of a study of security measures on United States military installations by June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6000. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6001. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of the Tribal Law and Order Act Pilot Program Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6002. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-028); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6003. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0010; FV14-925-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6004. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6005. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6006. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6007. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6008. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, legislative proposals relative to proposed legislation entitled the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6009. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Health and Human Service's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6010. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Seventy-Third Financial Statement for the period of

October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6011. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6012. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6013. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6014. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-337, "Transportation Infrastructure Improvements GARVEE Bond Financing Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6015. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-336, "Better Prices, Better Quality, Better Choices for Health Coverage Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6016. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-338, "Shiloh Way Designation Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6017. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act (No FEAR Act) of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6018. A communication from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6019. A communication from the Director of the Diversity and Inclusion Division, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6020. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate on May 29, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6021. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2014 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 1st Quarter of the Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2437. An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-181).

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2438. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-182).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 51. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (Rept. No. 113-183).

S. 212. A bill to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi (Rept. No. 113-184).

S. 224. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay (Rept. No. 113-185).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 491. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-186).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 741. A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017 (Rept. No. 113-187).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 969. A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act (Rept. No. 113-188).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1077. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (Rept. No. 113-189).

S. 1080. A bill to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship (Rept. No. 113-190).

S. 1451. A bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or shipment of quagga mussels, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-191).

S. 2080. A bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-192).

S. 898. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1934. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second

times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2433. A bill to provide assistance to Ukraine to reduce the dependence of Ukraine on imports of natural gas from the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. COONS, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2434. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that working families have access to affordable health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2435. A bill to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT:

S. 2436. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that agencies may not deduct labor organization dues from the pay of Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 2437. An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2438. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. COATS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2439. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide for the Inspector General of the National Security Agency to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. HELLER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. INHOFE, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2440. A bill to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2441. A bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2442. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2443. A bill to direct the Attorney General to make grants to States that have in place laws that terminate the parental rights of men who father children through rape; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2444. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 through 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2445. A bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin:

S. 2446. A bill to require the Congressional Budget Office to annually report changes in direct spending and revenue associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on the Budget

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 2447. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the use of credentials by enrolled agents; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2448. A bill to protect servicemembers in higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 468. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, *supra*.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 887

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to repeal the violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr.

WICKER], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1156

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1156, a bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen Federal-State partnerships in postsecondary education.

S. 1896

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1896, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit and provide designated allocations for areas impacted by a decline in manufacturing.

S. 1905

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide direction to the Administrator of the

Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.

S. 2048

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2048, a bill to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2095

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2095, a bill to reauthorize and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides health services to veterans through qualifying non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, *supra*.

S. 2107

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2107, a bill to increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System, and to encourage improved outreach to and communication with borrowers.

S. 2152

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2152, a bill to direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 2171

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs.

FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2171, a bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2238

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2238, a bill to ensure that the United States Government in no way recognizes Russia's annexation of Crimea.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2338

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2338, a bill to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 2349

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2349, a bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2352

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2352, a bill to re-impose sanctions on Russian arms exporter Rosoboronexport.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2370

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2370, a bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 2374

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr.

ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2374, a bill to improve college affordability.

S. 2401

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2401, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of the Medical Inspector within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2414

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2414, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances.

S. 2422

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2422, a bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2424, a bill to provide veterans with the choice of medical providers and to increase transparency and accountability of operations of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2432

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2432, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 36, a joint resolution

relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, whether committed by officials of the Government of Syria, or members of other groups involved in civil war in Syria, and calling on the President to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to immediately promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 410

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 410, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 5, 2014, at 9:15 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Preserving Public Safety and Network Reliability in the IP Transition."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 5, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Developments in Ukraine."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 5, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on June 5, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Wildfires: Assessing First Responder Training and Capabilities."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4435. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote), during which the following occurred:

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL PRAYER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PORTMAN,

As in legislative session, The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1044) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed, The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass. A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S.Res.468) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, June 9, 2014, the majority leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday next, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nominations of M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Richard Franklin Boulware II to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada; and that the Senate then vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on said nominations, in the foregoing order.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate on its nomination, pursuant to resolution S.Res.15, be concluded at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014; and that, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday next, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:31 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the President pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 5, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 5, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S.2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 5, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6022. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Female Squash Flowers From Israel Into the Continental United States" (RIN0579-AD72), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6023. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirodiclofen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9910-52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6024. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazapic; Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9911-17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6025. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriaful; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9910-38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6026. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium bisulfate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9910-50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6027. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2013 Purchases from Foreign Entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6028. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of fourteen (14) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Biennial Core Report to Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6030. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans;

Connecticut; Reasonably Available Control Technology Update to Address Control Techniques Guidelines Issued in 2006, 2007, and 2008" (FRL No. 9904-73-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6031. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Approval of Revisions to the Jefferson County Portion of the Kentucky SIP; Emissions During Startups, Shutdowns, and Malfunctions" (FRL No. 9911-96-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6032. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Decommissioning of Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems" (FRL No. 9909-99-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-047); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-013); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6035. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Detention of Drugs Intended for Human or Animal Use" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0365), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6036. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Microbiology Devices; Reclassification of Nucleic Acid-Based Systems for Mycobacterium tuberculosis Complex in Respiratory Specimens" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0544), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6037. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6038. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burial Benefits" (RIN2900-AO82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-245. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging Congress to fund mesothelioma research at the highest levels in the Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Bill by including \$5.26 billion for the National Cancer Institute and \$25 million for the Peer Reviewed Research Program as part of the Congressionally Mandated Research Program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-246. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing Congress of the United States to oppose the U.S. Department of Defense's budget proposal that would potentially close commissaries at U.S. military bases and to ensure that replacement aircraft are assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base to compensate for the proposed elimination of the A-10 fleet; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 319

Whereas, The proposed U.S. Department of Defense budget would dramatically cut commissary services throughout the nation and eliminate the nation's A-10 fleet, including aircraft at Michigan's Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Selfridge currently is home to 18 A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft and the more than 400 personnel related to that mission; and

Whereas, Our brave men and women in uniform benefit greatly from commissaries, and we should continue to provide them as part of their service. Slashing the commissary budget would likely lead to the closing of commissary stores at military installations throughout the nation. Commissary stores currently provide military families an affordable and convenient location to shop

for groceries and other necessities. The U.S. Defense Commissary Agency found that commissaries save shoppers an average of 30.5 percent annually compared to off-base options; and

Whereas, The proposed cuts would have a dramatic effect on the lives and morale of the dedicated men and women who choose to serve our country at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and other U.S. military bases. The elimination of the A-10 fleet would place in jeopardy more than 400 jobs at Selfridge alone. Closing commissaries would increase living expenses for military families, essentially helping to balance the defense budget at the expense of the men and women who serve; and

Whereas, In Michigan, these proposed cuts would have immeasurable impacts on Macomb County and the local communities surrounding the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. For nearly a century, the base has been a source of community pride, local jobs, and local revenue as well as a key component of disaster response for the entire state and a vital base for our nation's homeland security; and

Whereas, The A-10 fleet should not be eliminated until replacement aircraft can be assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The proposed cuts would compound past, short-sighted decisions to transfer the A-10 aircraft to Selfridge despite the knowledge that these aircraft would be phased out. These decisions have made Selfridge vulnerable to closure in future Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations. Assigning replacement aircraft would not only maintain the viability of this important base for homeland security, but would also be cost-effective: the Air National Guard can operate aircraft at about half the cost of an active duty unit: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to oppose the U.S. Department of Defense's budget proposal that would potentially close commissaries at U.S. military bases and to ensure that replacement aircraft are assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base to compensate for the proposed elimination of the A-10 fleet; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-247. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to oppose the elimination of the 307th Red Horse Squadron based at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

Whereas, established in the year 1932, the Barksdale Air Force Base, a United States Air Force Base located approximately 4.72 miles east-southeast of Bossier City, Louisiana, is named in honor of World War I aviator and test pilot 2nd Lieutenant Eugene Hoy Barksdale (1896-1926); and

Whereas, Barksdale Air Force Base has proudly served Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas and is home to the Air Force's newest command, Air Force Global Strike Command, the 2nd Bomb Wing, 2nd Mission Support Group, 2nd Operations Group, 2nd Maintenance Group, the 2nd Medical Group, 8th Air Force Museum, and the Air Force Reserve's 917th Wing; and

Whereas, the Red Horse unit, officially known as the 307th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers, is a construction unit staffed with civil engineers, many of whom deployed to southwest Asia during the fall; and

Whereas, Barksdale Air Force Base has grown into a major source of revenue and employment for the region by providing jobs for nearly ten thousand military and civilian employees; and

Whereas, under the Defense Department's 2015 proposed spending plan, the 307th Red Horse Squadron would be deactivated as the Air Force Reserve's authorized strength would nationally decrease by almost five percent, to 61,700 airmen; and

Whereas, under the 2015 defense spending plan, the Air Force Reserve would lose the rest of the Air Force Reserve's venerable fleet of A-10s, which are Cold War-era aircraft known as Warthogs; and

Whereas, Barksdale Air Force Base continues to be a huge priority for national security and for communities in the state of Louisiana; and

Whereas, the deactivation of the 307th Red Horse Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base will have an adverse effect on not only the economy, but the community as well: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to oppose the elimination of 307th Red Horse Squadron based at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-248. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging the United States Congress to support the Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2013, particularly the

section providing those serving in the National Guard with veteran status; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Whereas, the National Guard's roots date back to 1636, when colonial militias made up of ordinary citizens would put down their plows and pick up weapons to protect families and towns from hostile attacks; and

Whereas, commonly known as citizen-soldiers, members of today's National Guard hold civilian jobs or attend college while maintaining their military training part-time, always ready to defend the American way of life in the event of an emergency; and

Whereas, while the National Guard originally focused on protecting local communities, it eventually grew into a force that complements the active-duty military when help is needed anywhere in the world, including serving overseas in combat-deployment roles; and

Whereas, although the National Guard's primary area of operation is the National Guard unit's home state, National Guard members are often called on by the President of the United States to respond to, among other things, homeland security missions, domestic emergencies, counterdrug efforts, and reconstruction missions in addition to overseas combat missions; and

Whereas, while many National Guard members have similar duties and perform similar functions to their counterparts in the active-duty military, Title 38, United States Code, excludes from the definition of veteran, career reserve-component members who have not served on active duty under Title 10, United States Code, for other than training purposes; and

Whereas, a portion of the Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2013, or S. 944, would honor as veterans any person who is entitled under chapter 1223 of Title 10, United States Code, to retired pay for nonregular service or, but for age, would be entitled under such chapter to retired pay for nonregular service"; and

Whereas, this cost-neutral provision would not bestow any benefits other than the honor of claiming veteran status for nearly 300,000 men and women who honorably served and sacrificed as career reserve-component members, giving these individuals the respect they deserve for their uniformed service to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that Congress, including Hawaii's Congressional delegation, is urged to support the Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2013, particularly the section providing those, serving in the National Guard with veteran status; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2449. A bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MANCHIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2450. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. REID (by request):

S.J. Res. 39. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 280

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to ensure effective control over the Congressional budget process.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase

research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1346

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1346, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1971

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1971, a bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and

water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2169

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2169, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes.

S. 2285

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2285, a bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2362

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2362, a bill to prohibit the payment of performance awards in fiscal year 2015 to employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 2374

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2374, a bill to improve college affordability.

S. 2393

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2393, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the protection and enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 2414

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2414, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances.

S. 2432

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2432, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 2, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 9, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Border Security: Examining the Implications of S. 1691, The Border Patrol Pay Reform Act of 2013."

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432:

HARRY REID, RON WYDEN, ELIZABETH WARREN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, BEN CARDIN, JACK REED, T.R. HARKIN, BARBARA BOXER, JEANNE SHAHEEN, PATTY MURRAY, DICK DURBIN, TOM UDALL, S. WHITEHOUSE, CHRIS MURPHY, BILL NELSON, ROBERT MENENDEZ, TAMMY BALDWIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 5, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on said nomination; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2450) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MANCHIN, and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on confirmation of the nomination of M. Hannah Lauck, pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 5, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 8:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2450) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MANCHIN, and Ms. COLLINS), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 5, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO BELARUS -- PM 43

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2014.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions, to commit human rights abuses related to political repression, and to engage in public corruption continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For

this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 10, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6039. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Implementation of Tier 1/Tier 2 Framework" (RIN3052-AC81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6040. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Cemeteries, Demonstration, Special Event" (RIN1024-AE01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6041. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6042. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense assigning women to previously closed positions in the Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6043. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6044. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCAT Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0031), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6045. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0864)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6046. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0616)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6047. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-1160)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6048. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Eagle Grove, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0589)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6049. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Amery, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0591)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6050. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kuparuk, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0996)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6051. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Dalhart, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0918)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6052. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Albion, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0595)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6053. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (296); Amdt. No. 3590" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6054. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (80); Amdt. No. 3589" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6055. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta Westland S.p.A Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0943)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6056. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; St. Paul, MN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0954)),

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6057. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Grand Folks, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-201-0135)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6058. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bois Blanc Island, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0986)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6059. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Blairsville, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0731)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6060. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Akutan, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0032)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6061. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Grand Folks, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0806)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6062. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Areas R-5001A and R-5001B, Fort Dix, NJ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0260)), received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6063. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Areas R-5304C; Camp Lejeune, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0272)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6064. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification and Establishment of Restricted Areas; Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0729)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6065. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (CALM) Act" ((MB Docket No. 11-93)(FCC 14-71)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6066. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; North Central United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-1062)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6067. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Philadelphia, PA, Class B Airspace Area" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0922)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6068. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes"

((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0618)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6069. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1103)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6070. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate previously held by Eurocopter France) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0306)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6071. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Vulcanair S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0602)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6072. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0869)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6073. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0686)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6074. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.p.A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0967)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6075. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GROB-WERKE Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0092)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6076. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Regulations, Definition of Indian Tribe" (RIN1024-AD98), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6077. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6078. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Limitations on Guaranteed Benefits; Shutdown and Similar Benefits" ((RIN1212-AB18)(29 CFR Part 4022)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6079. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maximum Civil Money Penalty Amounts; Civil Money Penalty Complaints; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0113), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6080. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug

Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing a List of Qualifying Pathogens Under the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act" (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1037), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6081. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Agency Drug-Free Workplace Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6082. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6083. A communication from the Inspector General, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6084. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6085. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 31, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 2452. An original bill to support early learning.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2451. A bill to support the local decision-making functions of local educational agencies by limiting the authority of the Secretary of Education to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions, and guidance materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2452. An original bill to support early learning; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2453. A bill to reinstate the 10-year statute of limitations period applicable to collection of amounts paid to Social Security beneficiaries by administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments from individuals under 18 years of age; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2454. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2455. A bill to enhance Social Security benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2456. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for active duty military consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 2457. A bill to require States to establish highway stormwater management programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2458. A bill to provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students; to the Committee on Indian Affairs

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2459. A bill to revise counseling requirements for certain borrowers of student loans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2460. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional disclosures and protections for students and cosigners with respect to student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2076

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2324

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2324, a bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations.

S. 2328

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2328, a bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to preclude law firms and licensed attorneys from the definition of a debt collector when taking certain actions, and for other purposes.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2395, a bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002.

S. 2430

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2430, a bill to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2432

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2432, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2435

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2435, a bill to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay.

S. 2440

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2440, a bill to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

S. 2441

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2441, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 2450

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2450, a bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2450, supra.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2014, at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2014, at

10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

The Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "A More Efficient and Effective Government: Examining Federal IT Initiatives and the IT Workforce."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting Taxpayers and Ensuring Accountability: Faster Superfund Cleanups for Healthier Communities."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1254. An act to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1679. An act to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands.

H.R. 2072. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 3211. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction.

H.R. 4228. An act to require the Department of Homeland Security to improve discipline, accountability, and

transparency in acquisition program management.

H.R. 4412. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 36. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the next of kin or personal representative of Raoul Wallenberg.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. DEFAZIO of Oregon.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(b) of the World War I Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 112-272), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the SPEAKER appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the World War I Centennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Ms. Monique Seefried of Atlanta, Georgia.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1679. To amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4228. An act to require the Department of Homeland Security to improve discipline, accountability, and transparency in acquisition program management; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4412. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 100) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432; that Mr. ALEXANDER control 15 minutes for debate thereon; that the remaining time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

At 7:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:15 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:15 a.m., the Chaplain

offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 11, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Monday, June 9, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, June 9, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 9, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 10 a.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 56, nays... 38

[Rollcall Vote No. 185 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 38

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 37) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol in commemoration of the Shimom Peres Congressional Gold Medal ceremony, submitted today by Ms. AYOTTE, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3230

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute, being the text of bill S. 2450) be agreed to; that a Budget Act point of order against the bill, as amended, and a motion to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that no other amendment or motion be in order; that the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, if a Budget Act point of order is made, the Senate vote, at 4 p.m. on today, on the question of agreeing to a motion to waive; that, if said motion is agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on the passage of the bill, as amended.

PAY OUR GUARD AND RESERVE ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

All after the enacting clause was stricken, and the text of the bill (S. 2450) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, was inserted in lieu thereof (being an amendment in the nature of a substitute).

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pending debate,

Mr. SESSIONS raised a point of order, viz, that the emergency designation contained in section 802(b) of the pending bill, as amended, violates section 403(e)(1) of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Resolution S. Con. Res. 13, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of Public Law 111-139, to waive provisions of those Acts and budget resolutions for consideration of the pending bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

After debate,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 75, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 186 Leg.]

YEAS --- 75

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Barrasso, Blunt, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Flake, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. PORTMAN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of today,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 93, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 187 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy,

Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

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Corker, Johnson (WI), Sessions.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. TESTER, so as to read: "A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-6086. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Belarus; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2461. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2462. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain educational institutions from the employer health insurance mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2463. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered

removed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2464. A bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2465. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2466. A bill to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 469. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the May 31, 2014, transfer of five detainees from the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 470. A resolution amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to clarify the responsibility of committees of the Senate in the provision of the advice and consent of the Senate to nominations to positions in the intelligence community; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KING, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER,

Mr. COBURN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 471. A resolution honoring former President George H.W. Bush on the occasion of his 90th birthday and Barbara Bush on the occasion of her 89th birthday and extending the best wishes of the Senate to former President Bush and Mrs. Bush; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REED, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 472. A resolution honoring Dr. James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Energy, and Director of Central Intelligence; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. Con. Res. 37. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol in commemoration of the Shimom Peres Congressional Gold Medal ceremony; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 919

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1790

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1790, a bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective

and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to establish the American Infrastructure Fund, to provide bond guarantees and make loans to States, local governments, and infrastructure providers for investments in certain infrastructure projects, and to provide equity investments in such projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2176

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2176, a bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 2281

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2281, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system so that prospective students may have a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college.

S. 2282

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2282, a bill to prohibit the provision of performance awards to employees of the Internal Revenue Service who owe back taxes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 2346

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2346, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails, and to

designate the American Discovery Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 2360

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2360, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 2429

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2429, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans.

S. 2434

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2434, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that working families have access to affordable health insurance coverage.

S. 2450

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2450, a bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 2450, supra.

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2450, supra.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2450, supra.

S. 2451

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2451, a bill to support the local decisionmaking functions of local educational agencies by limiting the authority of the Secretary of Education to

issue regulations, rules, grant conditions, and guidance materials, and for other purposes.

S. 2460

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2460, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional disclosures and protections for students and cosigners with respect to student loans, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2014, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2014, at 5:15 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "CLOSED/TS/SCI: The Situation in Ukraine."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 11, 2014, at 4 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4810. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for the provision of hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for Department of Veterans Affairs patients with extended waiting times for appointments at Department facilities, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4810. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for the provision of hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for Department of Veterans Affairs patients with extended waiting times for appointments at Department facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, pursuant to the order of Monday, June 9, 2014; that, upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Michael J. McCord, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Defense, R. Jane Chu, of Missouri, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment of the Arts, and Todd A. Batta, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; that, if confirmed, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1681) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3238, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION S. RES. 470

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the resolution (S. Res. 470) amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to clarify the responsibility of committees of the Senate in the provision of the advice and consent of the Senate to nominations to positions in the intelligence community, submitted today, be placed on the calendar; that, upon enactment into law of the language of title IV of bill S. 1681, as amended, the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

HONORING FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY AND BARBARA BUSH ON THE OCCASION OF HER 89TH BIRTHDAY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 471) honoring former President George H.W. Bush on the occasion of his 90th birthday and Barbara Bush on the occasion of her 89th birthday and extending the best wishes of the Senate to former President Bush and Mrs. Bush, submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KING, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr.

HOEVEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING DR. JAMES SCHLESINGER

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 472) honoring Dr. James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Energy, and Director of Central Intelligence, submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REED, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein and the majority control the next 30 minutes therein; and that, at 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, following disposition of the nomination of Todd A. Batta, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 1:45 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Stanley Fischer, as pursuant to the order of Monday, June 9, 2014; and that, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate resume its legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:01 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014

Mr. BRIAN SCHATZ, from the State of Hawaii, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Rabbi Daniel Ginsberg, Leader of the Yeshiva Ateres Shmuel in Waterbury, Connecticut, offered a prayer, and Mr. SCHATZ led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 12, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6087. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Reports from the Department of the Treasury Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period from October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6088. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6089. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-345, "Transportation Infrastructure and Public Space Impact Mitigation Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6090. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-347, "Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Consumer Protection Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6091. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-348, "Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6092. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-344, "Traffic Adjudication Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6093. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-346, "Homeless Services Reform Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6094. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "504 and 7(a) Loan Programs Updates" (RIN3245-AG04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6095. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "[alpha]-alkyl-[omega]-hydroxypoly (oxypropylene) and/or poly (oxyethylene) polymers...Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9910-87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6096. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triclazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9910-39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6097. A communication from the Management Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scales; Accurate Weights, Repairs, Adjustments or Replacements After Inspection" (9 CFR Part 201), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6098. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Continuation of

Conservation Reserve Program, Including Transition Incentives Program" (7 CFR Part 1410), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6099. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 920" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0008; FV12-920-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6100. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Definition of 'Congressional Defense Committees' " ((RIN0750-AI23)(DFARS Case 2013-D027)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6101. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Private Sector Notification Requirements of In-Sourcing Actions" ((RIN0750-AI05)(DFARS Case 2012-D036)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6102. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6103. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2011 Workplace and Equal Opportunity Survey of Reserve Members"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6104. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AF86), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6105. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6106. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6107. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-045); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6108. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-027); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6109. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year (FY) 2013"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6110. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Alabama: Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9911-90-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9912-03-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6112. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans - Maricopa County PM-10 Nonattainment Area; Five Percent Plan for Attainment of the 24-Hour PM-10 Standard" (FRL No. 9912-01-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6113. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; New York; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units" (FRL No. 9912-05-Region 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6114. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Tennessee; Knoxville; Fine Particulate Matter 2008 Base Year Emissions Inventory" (FRL No. 9911-97-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6115. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of the General Welfare Exclusion to Indian Tribal Government Programs That Provide Benefits to Tribal Members" (Rev. Proc. 2014-35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6116. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mid-Year Amendments to Safe Harbor Plans Pursuant to Notice 2014-19 with Respect to the Windsor Decision" (Notice 2014-37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6117. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Simplified Credit Election" ((RIN1545-BL79)(TD 9666)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6118. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Taxpayers Filing Form 5472" ((RIN1545-BK00)(TD 9667)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6119. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Final Priority; Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program" (CFDA No. 84.016A), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6120. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program" (CFDA No. 84.015B), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6121. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities; National Resource Centers Program" (CFDA No. 84.015A), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6122. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities; Centers for International Business Education Program" (CFDA No. 84.220A), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6123. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Language Resource Centers Program" (CFDA No. 84.229A), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6124. A joint communication from the Executive Director and the Chair of the Board of Governors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Institute's 2013 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6125. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research - Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-4), received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6126. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research - Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133E-5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6127. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2009 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-249. A Senate substitute for a Senate concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri urging the United States Congress to enact legislation to preserve natural resources and provide recreational development and other improvements for the public use; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, in 1959, Senate Resolution No. 33 and House Resolution No. 19, recognizing the importance of the extraordinary manifestations of nature and recreational attributes of the Current and Jacks Fork Riverways, requested Congress to enact legislation to preserve the natural resources and provide recreational development and other improvements for the public use; and

Whereas, in 1964, Congress answered Missouri's request by enacting legislation to establish the Ozark National Scenic Riverways; and

Whereas, the riverways within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways are, and remain, public highways of the State of Missouri, subject to concurrent jurisdiction between the State of Missouri and the United States under Missouri Senate Bill No. 362 enacted in 1971; and

Whereas, in 2005, the National Park Service began researching for the purpose of drafting a new general management plan for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways; and

Whereas, the National Park Service is advocating the "Preferred Alternative" option of the general management plan; and

Whereas, the goal of the “Preferred Alternative” option of the general management plan is to shut down public access points to riverways, eliminate motorized boat traffic from certain areas, further restrict boat motor horsepower in other areas, close several gravel bars, and propose that additional areas be designated as federal wilderness; and

Whereas, the “No-Action Alternative” option of the general management plan is an appropriate balance between resource preservation and opportunities for recreational use; and

Whereas, the general management plan will guide decisions related to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways for the next 15 to 20 years; and

Whereas, tourism is one of the most critical components of our rural economy; and

Whereas, thousands of hikers, campers, boaters, hunters, fishermen, and horseback riders visit these areas annually generating irreplaceable tax revenue; and

Whereas, any further limitations on the access to these riverways would severely impact this local economy;

Whereas, the Missouri Conservation Commission is charged with the control, management, restoration, conservation, and regulation of bird, fish, game, forestry, and all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations, and all other property owned, acquired, or used for such purposes; and

Whereas, in September of 2009, the Missouri Department of Conservation recommended that “hunting, fishing, and trapping continue to be allowed through the Ozark National Scenic Riverways except in highly developed areas where a reasonable safety zone for public protection may be required”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service to pursue one of the following three options in regard to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways:

1. Choose the “No-Action Alternative” option of the general management plan;

2. Enter into negotiations with the State of Missouri, Department of Conservation for the return of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways to the State of Missouri so that the land will continued to be used for its original and intended purpose; or

3. Enter into a contract with the State of Missouri, Department of Conservation for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways; and be it further

Resolved That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed

copies of this resolution for the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation, the Director of the National Park Service, the Superintendent of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, the Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation, and Governor Jay Nixon.

POM-250. A Senate concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, produced injured losses larger than any natural or man-made event in history, with claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaling some \$32.5 billion, making this the second most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, the sheer enormity of the terrorist induced loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, the lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance; and

Whereas, the United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-297 (TRIA), in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-144, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-160 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, under TRIPRA the federal government provides such reinsurance after industry-wide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed one hundred million dollars; and

Whereas, coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to twenty percent of the insurer’s previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, after an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays fifteen percent of residual losses and the federal government pays the remaining eighty-five percent; and

Whereas, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of one hundred billion dollars of aggregate insured losses, beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup one hundred percent of the benefits provided under the program via policy holder surcharges to the extent the aggregate insured losses are less than twenty-seven billion five hundred million dollars and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, without question, TRIA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, the presence of a robust private/public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, without a program such as TRIPRA, many of our citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism to support our economy; and

Whereas, unfortunately, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation’s counter terrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of United States, the President Pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

POM-251. A Senate joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alabama urging the Congress of the United States to propose a federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution and applying to the Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 100

Whereas, the reluctance of the federal government to incur debt and other obligations was established early in American history, with deficits occurring only in relation to extraordinary circumstances such as war; yet for much of the 20th century and into the 21st, the United States has operated on a budget deficit, including the 2010 budget year, which surpassed an astounding \$1,300,000,000,000, an annual deficit that exceeded the entire gross state product of many of the states; and

Whereas, an exception to this pattern was at the turn of the 21st century; in FY 2001, America enjoyed a \$128 billion budget surplus; and

Whereas, since FY 2001, America has been burdened with 10 consecutive years of deficits, to-wit:

FY 2002: \$158 billion deficit

FY 2003: \$377 billion deficit

FY 2004: \$413 billion deficit

FY 2005: \$318 billion deficit

FY 2006: \$248 billion deficit

FY 2007: \$161 billion deficit

FY 2008: \$459 billion deficit

FY 2009: \$1.4 trillion deficit

FY 2010: \$1.3 trillion deficit

FY 2011: \$1.5 trillion deficit (estimated); and

Whereas, as of January 2011, America's accumulated national debt exceeded \$12 trillion now estimated at over \$13 trillion; and

Whereas, the Congressional Budget Office projects that, if current trends continue under the White House's proposed budget, each of the next 10 years has a projected deficit exceeding \$600 billion; and

Whereas, the budget deficits of the United States of America are unsustainable and constitute a substantial threat to the solvency of the federal government as evidenced by the comments of Standard and Poor's on April 18, 2011, regarding the longer term credit outlook for the United States; and

Whereas, Congress has been unwilling or unable to address the persistent problem of overspending and has recently increased the statutory limit on the public debt and enacted a variety of legislation that will ultimately cause the federal government to incur additional debt; and

Whereas, the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform in its report *The Moment of Truth* includes recommendations to reduce the federal deficit that have not been considered by the United States Congress; and

Whereas, the consequences of current spending policies are far-reaching; United States indebtedness to governments of foreign nations continues to rise; costly federal programs that are essentially unfunded or underfunded; mandates to states threaten the ability of state and local governments to continue to balance their budgets; moreover, future generations of Americans inevitably face increased taxation and a weakened economy as a direct result of the bloated debt; and

Whereas, many states have previously requested that Congress propose a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, but Congress has proven to be unresponsive; anticipating situations in which Congress at times could fail to act, the drafters of the United States Constitution had the foresight to adopt the language in Article V that establishes that on application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, Congress shall call a convention for proposing amendments; and

Whereas, in prior years the Alabama Legislature has called on Congress to pass a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment, many other states have done the same, all to no avail; and

Whereas, a balanced budget amendment would require the government not to spend more than it receives in revenue and compel lawmakers to carefully consider choices about spending and taxes; by encouraging spending control and discouraging deficit spending, a balanced budget amendment will help put the nation on the path to lasting prosperity: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of Alabama, both Houses thereof Concurring, That the Legislature of the State of Alabama hereby respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to propose and submit to the states for ratification a federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution, and be it

Resolved, That, in the event that Congress does not submit a balanced budget amendment to the states for ratification on or before December 31, 2011, the Alabama Legislature hereby makes application to the United States Congress to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the specific and exclusive

purpose of proposing an amendment to that Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency (as determined by the positive vote of such members of each house of Congress as the amendment shall require), the total of all federal appropriations made by Congress for any fiscal year not exceed the total of all federal revenue for that fiscal year, and be it further

Resolved, That, unless rescinded by a succeeding Legislature, this application by the Alabama Legislature constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the Legislatures of the several states have made application for a convention to provide for a balanced budget, and be it further

Resolved, That, in the event that Congress does not submit a balanced budget amendment to the states for ratification on or before December 31, 2011, the Alabama Legislature hereby requests that the legislatures of each of the several states that compose the United States apply to Congress requesting Congress to call a convention to propose such an amendment to the United States Constitution, and be it further

Resolved, That this application is rescinded in the event that a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution includes purposes other than providing for a balanced federal budget, and be it further

Resolved, That the copies of this resolution be provided to the following officials:

1. The President of the United States.
2. The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.
3. The President of the United States Senate.
4. All members of the Alabama Delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as an application to the Congress of the United States of America for a convention to propose an amendment to provide for a federal balanced budget in the event that Congress does not submit such an amendment to the states for ratification on or before December 31, 2011, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be provided to the Secretaries of State and to the presiding officers of the Legislatures of the other states.

POM-252. A House bill adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota rescinding all previous applications of the State of South Dakota for the calling of a federal constitutional convention to amend the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1135

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

Section 1. The Legislature finds that it is not, at the present time, desirable to call a federal constitutional convention to amend the Constitution of the United States.

Section 2. The specific provisions of the following Joint Resolutions, all making application for the calling of a federal constitutional convention, are hereby repudiated and rescinded:

- (1) Chapter 309, 1953 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (2) Chapter 259, 1955 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (3) Chapter 344, 1963 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (4) Chapter 345, 1963 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (5) Chapter 276, 1965 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (6) Chapter 1, 1977 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (7) Chapter 1, 1979 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (8) Chapter 1, 1986 South Dakota Session Laws;
- (9) Chapter 1, 1989 South Dakota Session Laws; and
- (10) Chapter 1, 1993 South Dakota Session Laws.

The repudiation and rescision provided for in this Act is strictly limited to the portions of the Joint Resolutions making application for the calling of a federal constitutional convention and do not apply to the alternative call embodied in the Joint Resolutions for Congress to propose specific constitutional amendments to the states for adoption.

POM-253. A Senate joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma rescinding all previous applications by the Legislature to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, acting with the best of intentions, has, at various times and during various sessions, previously made applications to the Congress of the United States of America to call one or more conventions to propose either a single amendment concerning a specific subject or to call a general convention to propose an unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V thereof; and

Whereas, Warren E. Burger, former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Arthur J. Goldberg, former Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions to the contrary imposed by the

states in applying for such a convention notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to a constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than 200 years and has been found to be a sound document which protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

Whereas, there is no need for, and in fact, there is great danger in, a new constitution or in opening the Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which would only create legal chaos in this nation and only begin the process of another two centuries of litigation over its meaning and interpretation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the 1st Session of the 52nd Oklahoma Legislature:

Section 1. The Legislature does hereby rescind, repeal, cancel, nullify and supersede to the same effect as if they had never been passed, any and all extant applications by the Legislature to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America pursuant to the terms of Article V thereof, regardless of when or by which session or sessions of the Legislature such applications were made and regardless of whether such applications were for a limited convention to propose one or more amendments regarding one or more specific subjects and purposes or for a general convention to propose an unlimited number of amendments upon an unlimited number of subjects.

Section 2. The Legislature urges the legislatures of each and every state which has applied to Congress to call a convention for either a general or a limited constitutional convention to repeal and withdraw such applications.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the Secretary of State, to the presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each state in the Union, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to all members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and to the Administrator of the United States General Services Administration.

POM-254. A Senate resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia making renewed application to the United States Congress calling for a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of proposing a balanced budget amendment to the United

States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION 371

Whereas, in 1976, by House Resolution 469-1267, Resolution Act No. 93 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 184), the Georgia General Assembly applied to the Congress to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with respect thereto; and

Whereas, in 2004, by House Resolution No. 1343, Act No. 802 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 1081), the Georgia General Assembly rescinded and repealed all prior applications for constitutional conventions, including but not limited to said 1976 application; and

Whereas, the need for such a balanced budget amendment remains and has become far more apparent and urgent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Georgia That this body hereby applies again to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States and recommends that the convention be limited to consideration and proposal of an amendment requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year; and be it further

Resolved That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Georgia congressional delegation and to transmit appropriate copies also to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses of the several states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently-outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and this application should be aggregated with same for the purpose of reaching the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but should not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and be it further

Resolved That this application shall constitute a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until:

(1) The legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject and Congress has called for a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

(2) The Congress of the United States has in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States proposed an amendment to said Constitution which is consistent with the balanced budget amendment referenced in this application; or

(3) January 1, 2020, whichever first occurs.

POM-255. A Senate resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia applying to the United States Congress calling for a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution related to fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Whereas, the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Georgia, That the General Assembly of the State of Georgia hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and

limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That this application shall be deemed an application for a convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated. For the purposes of determining whether two-thirds of the states have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects stated herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications of any other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing the federal budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to transmit copies to the members of the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives from this state, and to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1603. A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1799. A bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2467. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from altering available health care and wait times for appointments for health care for certain veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2468. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical

treatment and to require that the Department of Veterans Affairs be treated as a participating provider for the recovery of the costs of certain medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2469. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require that the Administrator of General Services verify that a building to be leased to accommodate a Federal agency is located a certain distance from public transportation before entering into the lease agreement; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2470. A bill to provide for drought relief measures in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2471. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to provide bankruptcy protections for medically distressed debtors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2472. A bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2473. A bill to reallocate Federal Government-held spectrum for commercial use, to promote wireless innovation and enhance wireless communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2474. A bill for the relief of Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, Martin Wani, and Maya Wani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 473. A resolution celebrating the 20th Anniversary of National Men's Health Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REID, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 474. A resolution designating June 19, 2014, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 475. A resolution congratulating the Alaska Aces hockey team on winning the 2014 Kelly Cup as champions of the East Coast Hockey League; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 476. A resolution recognizing the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the State of New Jersey and honoring the valuable contributions of people of the Garden State; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1027, a bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1368, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize

subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1997

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1997, a bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2004, a bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2094, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2320

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2320, a bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building".

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2336

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2336, a bill to eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to provide for improvement of field emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 2434

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2434, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that working families have access to affordable health insurance coverage.

S. 2436

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2436, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that agencies may not deduct labor organization dues from the pay of Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2443

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2443, a bill to direct the Attorney General to make grants to States that have in place laws that terminate the parental rights of men who father children through rape.

S. 2462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2462, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain educational institutions from the employer health insurance mandate.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were

added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 37, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 303

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 303, a resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority.

SENATE RESOLUTION 469

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 469, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the May 31, 2014, transfer of five detainees from the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "A National Priority: The Importance of Child Nutrition Programs to our Nation's Health, Economy and National Security."

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Regional Implications of a Nuclear Deal with Iran."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 3 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Thailand's Political Crisis."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12,

2014, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing Radiological Materials: Examining the Threat Next Door."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4745. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4745. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:30 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 9, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 9, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Monday, June 9, 2014, as modified,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Staci Michelle Yandle, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to

be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660:

HARRY REID, BARBARA MIKULSKI, DICK DURBIN, ELIZABETH WARREN, TIM KAINE, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, ROBERT MENENDEZ, DEBBIE STABENOW, CHRIS MURPHY, PATRICK J. LEAHY, S. WHITEHOUSE, SHERROD BROWN, PATTY MURRAY, T.R. HARKIN, TOM UDALL, CHRIS COONS, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Salvador Mendoza, Jr. to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and Darrin P. Gayles to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate on its nomination, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2014; that, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, next, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; and that, upon disposition thereof, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Peter Joseph Kadzik to be Assistant Attorney General.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Peru, Gustavo Velasquez Aguilar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, and Christine E. Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be

considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL
MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 473) celebrating the 20th Anniversary of National Men's Health Week, submitted today by Mr. CRAPO, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "JUNETEENTH
INDEPENDENCE DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 474) designating June 19, 2014, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States, submitted today by Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REID, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. LEE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE ALASKA
ACES HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING
THE 2014 KELLY CUP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 475) congratulating the Alaska Aces hockey team on winning the 2014 Kelly Cup as champions of the East Coast Hockey League, submitted today by Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 350TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING
OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 476) recognizing the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the State of New Jersey and honoring the valuable contributions of people of the Garden State, submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE
16, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:47 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 16, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6128. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN), Bert Mooney Airport (BTM), Glacier Park International Airport (GPI) and Yellowstone Airport (WYS); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6129. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support" ((RIN3060-AF85)(DA 14-534)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6130. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report to Congress on the Disclosure of Financial Interest and Recusal Requirements for Regional Fishery Management Councils and Scientific and Statistical Committees"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6131. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Specifications for the 2014-2016 Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery" (RIN0648-XD069), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6132. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List Five Species of Sturgeons as Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-

XC101), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6133. A communication from the Program Analyst, Financial Operations Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth In Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 14-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6134. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; M7 Aerospace LLC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0023)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6135. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alpha Aviation Concept Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0130)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6136. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors" (RIN1219-AB64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6137. A communication from the Executive Director, United States Access Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6138. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Rules Authorizing the Operation of Lower Power Auxiliary Stations in the 698-806 MHz Band; Public Interest Spectrum Coalition, Petition for Rulemaking Regarding

Low Power Auxiliary Stations, Including Wireless Microphones, and the Digital Television; Amendment of Parts 15, 74, and 90 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Low Power Auxiliary Stations, Including Wireless Microphones" (FCC 14-62), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6139. A communication from the Chief of the Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((GN Docket No. 12-268)(FCC 14-50)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6140. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-256. A House joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado urging and requesting members of Congress to increase the federal minimum wage and thereafter tie it to inflation to help ensure that hard-working Americans can earn a fair wage and afford to care for their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-1012

Whereas, The federal minimum wage was established through the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938", in response to the Great Depression, to ensure that workers earned enough to pay for necessities and minimum monthly expenses; and

Whereas, Since then, the cost of living has steadily increased while the federal minimum wage has generally remained stagnant; and

Whereas, Congress has only raised the minimum wage twice in the past 20 years; and

Whereas, The federal minimum wage, adjusted for inflation, has declined from its peak of \$10.72 in 1968 to \$7.25 today, a 33% decrease in purchasing power; and

Whereas, Under the current minimum wage, it is possible to work full time and still be under the minimum federal poverty line; and

Whereas, It is virtually impossible for a minimum-wage worker to afford a two-

bedroom apartment in any state while working a 40-hour week; and

Whereas, Raising the federal minimum wage would decrease American dependency on public assistance programs, such as Section 8 housing vouchers and food stamps, in order to pay for living expenses and raising families; and

Whereas, The majority of those who would benefit from a minimum wage increase are full-time workers who are supporting their families in moderate- to low-income households; and

Whereas, For the vast majority of low-skilled or unskilled workers, the minimum wage should be simply a starting salary that gets them employed and gives them a chance to advance; and

Whereas, Increasing the minimum wage would immediately boost the wages of about 15 million low-income workers; and

Whereas, Raising the federal minimum wage is projected to significantly boost the economy at large by increasing purchasing power of workers, thereby increasing the United States' gross domestic product; and

Whereas, In 2006, Colorado voters decisively voted to approve Initiative 42, which raised the state minimum wage and tied it to inflation in order to preserve the purchasing power of Colorado workers and help ensure that they can support themselves and their families; and

Whereas, Colorado raised the minimum wage in 2011 and 2012 over the federal minimum, which contributed to a decrease in the unemployment rate from 8.73% to 7.2% during that two-year period; and

Whereas, Several other states have notably raised their minimum wages during times of high unemployment, including Washington, Oregon, Ohio, and Arizona, and those states all experienced decreases of at least 1.5% in unemployment during the same two-year period; and

Whereas, Raising the minimum wage not only will stimulate the economy but will also lift millions of Americans out of poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein, That we, the Colorado General Assembly, urge and request members of Congress to increase the federal minimum wage and thereafter tie it to inflation to help ensure that hard-working Americans can earn a fair wage and afford to care for their families; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives

and Senate, and the Majority and Minority Whips of the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

POM-257. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois urging Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1124

Whereas, Insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, The terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, produced insured losses larger than any natural or man-made event in history; claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaled some \$32.5 billion, making this the second-most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, The sheer enormity of the terrorist-induced loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets, causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, The lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance; and

Whereas, The United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-297 (TRIA), in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-144, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-160 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, Under TRIPRA, the federal government provides such reinsurance after industrywide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed \$100 million; and

Whereas, Coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to 20% of the insurer's previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, After an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays

15% of residual losses and the federal government pays the remaining 85%; and

Whereas, The Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of \$100 billion of aggregate insured losses, beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup 100% of the benefits provided under the program via policy holder surcharges to the extent the aggregate insured losses are less than \$27.5 billion and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, Without question, TRIA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, The presence of a robust private/public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, Without a program such as TRIPRA, many citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, Without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism to support our economy; and

Whereas, Unfortunately, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to

amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 1346

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1346, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2204

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2204, a bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

S. 2291

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2291, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of

S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2440

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2440, a bill to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

S. 2445

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2445, a bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2450

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2450, a bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, whether committed by officials of the Government of Syria, or members of other groups involved in civil war in Syria, and calling on the President to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to immediately promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 469

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 469, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the May 31, 2014, transfer of five detainees from the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SENATE RESOLUTION 474

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 474, a resolution designating June 19, 2014, as "Juneteenth Independence Day"

in recognition of June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4453. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations.

H.R. 4457. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending on May 14, 2016: Ms. Hannah Rosenthal of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, on today, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4453) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4457) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10

minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:36 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4453) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4457) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

NOTIFICATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION -- PM 44

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(1), this is to notify the Congress that I have designated Meredith M. Broadbent as Chair and Dean A. Pinkert as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission, effective June 17, 2014.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 17, 2014.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2015" (Rept. No. 113-193).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1603, A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-194).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THUNE, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2475. A bill to realign structure and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2476. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2477. A bill to prohibit certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013, military coup d'etat; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2478. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to partner with industry to strengthen the safety culture and safety practices of short line and regional freight railroads; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2479. A bill to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2480. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2481. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2482. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2483. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 2484. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2485. A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 477. A resolution designating June 20, 2014, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of

the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 644

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1030

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1030, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNNS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 1511

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1511, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to improve nonretaliation provisions relating to equal pay requirements.

S. 2187

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2187, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2204

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2204, a bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee.

S. 2234

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2234, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2244, a bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2464

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from

Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2464, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 462

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 462, a resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 469

At the request of Mr. JOHANNNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 469, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the May 31, 2014, transfer of five detainees from the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Grow it Here, Make it Here: Creating Jobs through Bio Based Manufacturing."

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting Consumers from False and Deceptive Advertising of Weight-Loss Products."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2014, at 3 p.m.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Conflicts of Interest, Investor Loss of Confidence, and High Speed Trading in U.S. Stock Markets."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

The Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving five rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 469

Mr. PORTMAN asked unanimous consent, as in legislative session, that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 469) expressing the sense of the Senate on the May 31, 2014, transfer of five detainees from the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate, Mr. LEVIN objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Thursday, June 12, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 200 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Heller, Lee, Paul.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1254

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1254) to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

A motion to reconsider was made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "AMERICAN EAGLE DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 477) designating June 20, 2014, as "American Eagle Day," and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, submitted today by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORKER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660; and that time during adjournment count against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on said motion to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 18, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a

Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 3230

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing that it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 3230) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; that it had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the text of said bill, with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute); insisting upon its amendment to the bill; and asking a conference with the Senate thereon.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House thereon; that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, in a ratio of 8 majority- to 6 minority-party

Senators; and that the foregoing occur without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER appointed Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. RUBIO.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2486. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to establish salary thresholds for and limitations on executive, administrative, and professional employees and address highly compensated employees, for purposes of the requirements for exemption from the Federal minimum wage and maximum hour provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 2487. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase the maximum loan limits under the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 2488. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exception to the exclusive use requirement for home offices if the other use involves care of a qualifying child of the taxpayer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2489. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that sufficient funding is made available for the

Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2490. A bill to include a question to ascertain United States citizenship and immigration status in each questionnaire used for a decennial census of population, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2491. A bill to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program; read the first time.

By Mr. SCOTT:

S. 2492. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2493. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2494. A bill to expedite applications to export natural gas, to require the public disclosure of liquefied natural gas export destinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 478. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1184

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1184, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the Medicare and You Handbook and to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1368, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1885

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1885, a bill to place conditions on assistance to the Government of Burma.

S. 1998

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to set forth the process for Puerto Rico to be admitted as a State of the Union.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2187

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2187, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program.

S. 2220

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2220, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 2291

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2291, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2325

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2325, a bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the expansion of emergency planning zones and the development of plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes.

S. 2392

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2392, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 2440

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2440, a bill to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by

the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

S. 2476

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2476, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic.

S. 2483

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2483, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 462

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 462, a resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Aggressive E-Cigarette Marketing and Potential Consequences for Youth."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Finance Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June

18, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "U.S. Policy in Afghanistan and the Regional Implications of the 2014 Transition."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Intelligence Community: Keeping Watch Over Its Contractor Workforce."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 3 p.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office building to conduct a hearing entitled "Growing Small Business Exports, Growing U.S. Jobs."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 18, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF THE CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Oversight of the Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Climate Change: The Need to Act Now."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "High Frequency Trading's Impact on the Economy."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 18, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office

Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reduction in Face-to-Face Services at the Social Security Administration.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 43. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 1216. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center".

H.R. 1391. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 1458. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building".

H.R. 1671. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office".

H.R. 1707. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 1865. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office".

H.R. 2112. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg Wenzel Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3375. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

H.R. 3472. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3682. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the "Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 3765. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building".

H.R. 3786. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

H.R. 3998. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

H.R. 4199. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the "Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 4360. An act to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the "Jason Crisp Forest Service Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol in commemoration of the Shimon Peres Congressional Gold Medal ceremony.

The message further announced that the Clerk of the House of Representatives request the Senate to return to the House the bill (H.R. 4412) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

At 4:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period, and be it further, that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the aforementioned bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House insist upon its amendment to the Senate amendment to the text of the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the

Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period, and ask a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon and that Messrs. MILLER of Florida, LAMBORN, ROE of Tennessee, FLORES, BENISHEK, COFFMAN, WENSTRUP, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. WALZ, be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 43. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1216. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1391. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1458. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1671. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1707. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1865. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2112. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office";

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H.R. 3765. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3786. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 4199. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the "Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

OMNIBUS TERRITORIES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1237) to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking certain words and inserting others in lieu thereof (being amendment No. 3288).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2491) to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program, introduced today by Mr. PRYOR, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the majority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, June 19, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 19, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1254. An act to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF RUSSIAN HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM -- PM 45

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012, with respect to the disposition of Russian highly enriched uranium is to continue in effect beyond June 25, 2014.

The risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 with respect to the disposition of Russian highly enriched uranium.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 19, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6141. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyroxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9911-08-OCSP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6142. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "National Sheep Industry Improvement Center" (AMS-LPS-14-0028), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6143. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Department of Homeland Security Preparedness Directorate, Treasury Symbols 70/0911 and 70X0565; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6144. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Charles R. Davis, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6145. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Keith C. Walker, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6146. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Joint Precision Approach and Landing System (JPALS) Increment 1A program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6147. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the MQ-8 Vertical Takeoff and Landing Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (VTUAV) Fire Scout program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6148. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general and brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6149. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6150. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense assigning women to

previously closed positions in the Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6151. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Housing Constructions and Safety Standards: Correction of Reference Standard for Anti-Scald Valves" (RIN2502-AJ21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6152. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6153. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Idaho Roadless Rule" (RIN0596-AD11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6154. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Portable Fuel Container Amendment to Pennsylvania State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9912-21-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6155. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Update of Chemical Identities" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9910-51)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6156. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Exemption of Certain Chemical Substances from Reporting Additional Chemical Data" ((RIN2070-AK01)(FRL No. 9910-84)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June

17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6157. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Nevada; Update to Materials Incorporated By Reference" (FRL No. 9908-86-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6158. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; South Dakota; Revisions to South Dakota Administrative Code; Permit: New and Modified Sources" (FRL No. 9912-24-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6159. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of New Sources and Modifications in Indian Country Amendments to the Registration and Permitting Deadlines for True Minor Sources" ((RIN2060-AS24)(FRL No. 9911-46-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6160. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of Compliance and Attest Engagement Reporting Deadlines for 2013 Renewable Fuel Standards" ((RIN2060-AS25)(FRL No. 9912-00-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6161. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Particulate Matter Limitations for Coating Operations" (FRL No. 9912-09-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6162. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Amendments to Delaware's Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9912-22-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6163. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Carbon Dioxide Sequestration; 2014 Section 45Q Inflation Adjustment Factor" (Notice 2014-40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6164. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service" ((RIN1545-BF96)(TD 9668)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6165. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6166. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Additional Extension of the Payment Adjustment for Low-Volume Hospitals and the Medicare-dependent Hospital (MDH) Program Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) for Acute Care Hospitals for Fiscal Year 2014" ((RIN0938-ZB17)(CMS-1599-N)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6167. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6168. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-046); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6169. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6170. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0870); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6171. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0871); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6172. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0071 - 2014-0078); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6173. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the February 15, 2014 - April 15, 2014 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6174. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Office of Postsecondary Education), Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. Language Resource Centers Program" (CFDA No. 84.229A); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6175. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Office of Postsecondary Education), Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities. National Resource Centers Program" (CFDA No. 84.015A); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6176. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Office of Postsecondary Education), Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program" (CFDA No. 84.105B); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6177. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Office of Postsecondary Education), Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities.

Centers for International Business Education Program" (CFDA No. 84.220A); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6178. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Office of Postsecondary Education), Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program" (CFDA No. 84.016A); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6179. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Office of Elementary and Secondary Education), Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities. Requirement, and Definitions; Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program" (CFDA No. 84.215G); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6180. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practices, Quality Control Procedures, Quality Factors, Notification Requirements, and Records and Reports, for Infant Formula" ((Docket No. FDA-1995-N-0063)(formerly 95N-0309)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6181. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2012-C-0900), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6182. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Railroad Unemployment Insurance System"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6183. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Railroad Retirement System"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6184. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland

Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6185. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6186. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6187. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Consolidated Report to Congress on the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund for Fiscal Years 2005 through 2013"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6188. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD277), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6189. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2014 Sub-Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Harvested for Management Area 1B" (RIN0648-XD231), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6190. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD300), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6191. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Gulf of Mexico

Aggregated Large Coastal Shark and Gulf of Mexico Hammerhead Shark Management Groups" (RIN0648-XD281), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6192. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Recreational Harvest of Snowy Grouper in South Atlantic Waters" (RIN0648-XD199), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6193. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Recreational Harvest of Golden Tilefish in South Atlantic Waters" (RIN0648-XD200), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6194. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting proposed legislation relative to the implementation of two international fisheries conventions relating to the Pacific Ocean; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6195. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; A National Broadband Plan For Our Future" ((RIN3060-AF85)(DA 14-712)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6196. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD268), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6197. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Inseason Action to Close the Commercial Blacktip Shark Fishery in the Gulf of Mexico Region" (RIN0648-XD312), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6198. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments of 2014"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2499. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-195).

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4487. A bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-196).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2495. A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. FISCHER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BURR):

S. 2496. A bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2497. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2498. A bill to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2499. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2500. A bill to restrict the ability of the Federal Government to undermine privacy and encryption technology in commercial products and in NIST computer security and encryption standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2501. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2502. A bill to establish in the United States Agency for International Development an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2503. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2504. A bill to address prescription opioid and heroin abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2505. A bill to promote unlicensed spectrum use in the 5 GHz band, to maximize the use of the band for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2506. A bill to award grants to States to support efforts at institutions of higher education to increase degree attainment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2507. A bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 2508. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2509. A bill to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2510. A bill to establish a temporary limitation on the use of funds to transfer or release individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2511. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the definition of substantial cessation of operations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 479. A resolution recognizing Veterans Day 2014 as a special "Welcome Home Commemoration" for all who have served in the military since September 14, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 480. A resolution expressing condolences and supporting assistance for the victims of the historic flooding in the

Western Balkans; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 603

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to increase funds set aside for off-system bridges.

S. 1971

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1971, a bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the

medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2133

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal antidiscrimination claims.

S. 2333

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2333, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

S. 2337

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2337, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2405, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2476

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2476, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2491, a bill to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2014, at 11 a.m., to hold a hearing on treaties.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2014, at 2 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "CLOSED/TS: Iraq Update."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1254. An act to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations

for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1:45 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations in the following order: Gustavo Velasquez Aguilar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Peru, J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, and Christine E. Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Ordered further, That provisions of the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014, remain in order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rolcall Vote), during which the following occurred:

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO BILL H.R. 4660

Mr. REID, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the pending motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660 be concluded; that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion to proceed; that, if said motion is agreed to, Ms. MIKULSKI be recognized to propose amendment No. 3244 (in the nature of a substitute), being the text of the bill (S. 2437)

making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, as Division A, the text of the bill (S. 2438) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, as Division B, and the text of the bill (S. 2389) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, as Division C; that, for the consideration of Division B, the bill (H.R. 4745) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes be deemed House-passed text in H.R. 4660 for purposes of rule XVI; and that for the consideration of Division C, the bill (H.R. 4800) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, as reported by the House Committee on Appropriations, be deemed House-passed text in H.R. 4660 for purposes of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Mr. REID further asked unanimous consent that amendment No. 3244 (in the nature of a substitute) be considered a reported amendment for purposes of paragraph 1, rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate; and that all amendments or motions to commit receive a minimum 60 yeas votes to be agreed to.

After debate,

Mr. MCCONNELL objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 12, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 4660

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill H.R. 4660.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time for debate on the pending motion be concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, June 23, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate on a nomination is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2014; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order that motions to bring to a close debate were agreed to; that, upon disposition of said nominations on Tuesday next, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont; that, if a motion to bring to a close debate on a nomination is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2014; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order that motions to bring to a close debate were agreed to; that, upon disposition of said nominations on Tuesday next, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL H.R. 803

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 803) to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be proposed on behalf of Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. COONS); that the following be the only amendments in order to be proposed thereto:

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. FLAKE, relative to making the appointment and certification of a new local board permissible instead of required;

An amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE, relative to evaluation report requirement;

A managers' technical amendment.

Ordered further, That there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on each amendment; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to the

amendments in the aforementioned order; that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to votes; that, upon disposition of the managers' technical amendment, the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as may be amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; that, if the bill passes, an amendment to the title be proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER), and agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

**GUN LAKE TRUST LAND
REAFFIRMATION ACT**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1603) to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2491) to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program, introduced on yesterday by Mr. PRYOR, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; BILL
RETURNED TO HOUSE**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of

the bill (H.R. 4412) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; and that the Senate agree to the request of the House for the return of the official papers.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF
ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, June 23, 2014, the majority leader, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE
23, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:48 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 23, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2363**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT**

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

**REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA -- PM 47**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13466 of June 26, 2008, expanded in scope in E.O. 13551 of August 30, 2010, and addressed further in E.O. 13570 of April 18, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014.

The existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula, and the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea that destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in the region, continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to North Korea.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 20, 2014.*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS - - PM 46

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13219 of

June 26, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2014.

The threat constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting, (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, related to Kosovo, has not been resolved. In addition, E.O. 13219 was amended by E.O. 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to Macedonia.

Because the acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in these Executive Orders are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 23, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6199. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6200. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1603 Sequestration and Its Effect on the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and the Production Tax Credit (PTC)" (Notice 2014-39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2244. A bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk

Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2512. A bill to establish an emergency transportation safety fund for the reconstruction of bridges along the Interstate Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2513. A bill to establish a demonstration project for competency-based education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 481. A resolution designating the month of June 2014 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1837

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions.

S. 1893

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1945, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject

to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2117

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2117, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 2126

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2126, a bill to launch a national strategy to support regenerative medicine through the establishment of a Regenerative Medicine Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, supra.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, a bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2304

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2304, a bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2349

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2349, a bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to

amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2448

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2448, a bill to protect servicemembers in higher education, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 412

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 412, a resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4412. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4412. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes).

FURTHER PERIOD OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 481) designating the month of June 2014 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month", submitted today by Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MERKLEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the

two leaders, or their designees; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. FLAKE.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today, At 7:07 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Pastor Gloria Chaney-Robinson, Senior Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania, offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6201. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0002; FV14-932-1 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6202. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of select reserve units, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6203. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2013 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6204. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Addition of Certain Persons to the Unverified List (UVL) and Making a Correction" (RIN0694-AG20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6205. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Short Supply Export Controls: Unprocessed Western Red Cedar, Crude Oil, and Petroleum Products" (RIN0694-AG06), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6206. A communication from the Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Estimates of Natural Gas and Oil Reserves, Reserves Growth, and Undiscovered Resources in Federal and State Waters off the Coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6207. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period" ((RIN0938-AR77)(CMS-9952-F2)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6208. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Member, IRS Oversight Board within the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6209. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6210. A communication from the Acting Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6211. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6212. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6213. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0887); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6214. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions for Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-BD55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June

19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6215. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Rule To Revise the Recreational Measures and Revise the 2014 Recreational Fishing Season for Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-BE18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6216. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD298), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6217. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures for the 2014 Tribal and Non-Tribal Fisheries for Pacific Whiting" (RIN0648-BD75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6218. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; ODBA Draggin' on the Waccamaw, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Bucksport, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0097)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6219. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Fisheries; California Drift Gillnet Fishery; Sperm Whale Interaction Restrictions" (RIN0648-BD57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6220. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2013-2014 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Correction" (RIN0648-BE14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6221. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Limited Commercial and Recreational Fishing Seasons for Red Snapper in Southern Atlantic States" (RIN0648-XD307), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6222. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Alleghany River; Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0157)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6223. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Monongahela River; Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0231)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6224. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Morehead City, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0155)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6225. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Village West Marina 4th of July Fireworks Display, Fourteenmile Slough, Stockton, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0307)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6226. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cincinnati Reds Fireworks Displays Ohio River, Mile 470.1 - 470.4; Cincinnati, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0080)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6227. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Fireworks Displays Ohio River, Mile 460.9 - 461.3; Cincinnati, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0238)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6228. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Petaluma River Closure for Highway Widening, Petaluma River, Petaluma, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0311)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6229. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Vallejo 4th of July Fireworks, Mare Island Strait, Vallejo, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0394)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6230. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Pelican Island Causeway, Galveston Channel, TX" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0063)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6231. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; West Pearl River, Pearl River, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0197)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6232. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Terrebonne Bayou, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-1072)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6233. A communication from the Acting Deputy Chief Counsel (Regulations and Security Standards), Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Passenger Civil Aviation Security Service Fee" (RIN1652-AA68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6234. A communication from the Deputy Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards" ((RIN2060-AQ86)-(FRL No. 9906-86-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-258. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to review and support H.R. 3930, the National Commission on the Structure of the Army Act of 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

Whereas, H.R. 3930 was introduced on January 27, 2014, and seeks to establish the National Commission on the Structure of the Army to undertake a comprehensive study of the structure of the Army; and

Whereas, the focus of this study is to determine two factors, which include the proper force mixture of the active component and reserve component, and how the structure should be modified to best fulfill mission requirements in a manner that is consistent with available resources; and

Whereas, H.R. 3930 also directs the commission to give careful consideration in evaluating a structure that meets current and anticipated requirements of combat commands, achieves a cost-efficient balance between the regular and reserve components with particular focus on fully burdened and lifestyle costs of Army personnel, and ensures that the regular and reserve components possess the capacity needed to

support homeland defense and disaster assistance missions in the United States; and

Whereas, H.R. 3930 further provides for sufficient numbers of regular members of the Army to provide a base of trained personnel from which the personnel of the reserve components could be recruited; maintains a peacetime rotation force to support operational tempo goals of a ratio of one to two for regular members and a ratio of one to five for members of the reserve components; and further maximizes and appropriately balances affordability, efficiency, effectiveness, capability, and readiness; and

Whereas, H.R. 3930 further prohibits the use of any funds made available for the 2015 Fiscal Year for the Army to divest, retire, or transfer any aircraft of Army assigned units of the Army National Guard as of January 15, 2014, or to reduce personnel below the authorized end strength levels of three hundred fifty thousand members of the Army National Guard as of September 30, 2014: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to review and support H.R. 3930, which would, if enacted, be known as the National Commission on the Structure of the Army Act of 2014; and be it further

Resolved, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-259. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ensure proper expenditures and the restoration of the Gulf Coast for the benefit of all the citizens of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Whereas, on April 20, 2010, an explosion occurred on the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon which resulted in the fire that eventually sank the rig, killing eleven crewmen, and destroying Louisiana's delicate coast and industries that rely on the coast with an estimated 4.1 million barrels of oil released over an eighty-seven day period from the Macondo well five thousand feet below on the ocean bottom; and

Whereas, this incident has had a long-lasting impact on the state's natural resources, including land, water, fish, wildlife, fowl, and other biota, and likewise on the livelihoods of Louisiana's citizens living along the coast; and

Whereas, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act also known as the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321, provides for administrative and civil penalties for parties

responsible for unauthorized discharge of pollutants into United States waters as occurred during the Deepwater Horizon disaster; and

Whereas, these fines estimated between \$5.4 billion and \$21.1 billion would ordinarily be deposited into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund pursuant to the Clean Water Act; however, congress passed the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE) that requires eighty percent of the fines to be deposited into the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (trust fund) for restoration efforts in the five coastal states damaged by the spill: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

Whereas, the monies from the trust fund will be principally divided into three funding mechanisms, the Direct Component that evenly distributes thirty-five percent to the five affected states; the Comprehensive Plan Component that directs thirty percent to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council to implement a comprehensive Gulf Coast wide recovery plan; and the Spill Impact Component that distributes thirty percent to the affected states based upon a formula calculated on the miles of coastline affected by the oil spill, distance from Deepwater Horizon, and the average 2010 population; and

Whereas, unfortunately, Louisiana has recent experience in administering restoration and recovery programs in the wake of disasters such as hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Isaac and has learned the value of real-time audit practices in terms of ensuring proper expenditures, providing guidance to program administrators, and assuring transparency of decisions for the public; and

Whereas, auditing after the fact provides little assistance for parish and county governments with minimal resources to recoup large sums in the case of improper expenditures; and

Whereas, the RESTORE Act provides for up to three percent for administrative costs; there remains uncertainty whether those funds are only for the cost of the United States Treasury Department administering the RESTORE Act and whether those funds can be utilized by state and local governments for real-time audits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary for the proper allocation of resources on the federal, state, and local level to fund real-time audit practices in developing, planning, constructing, and executing projects funded by the RESTORE Act's Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund to ensure proper expenditures and the

restoration of the Gulf Coast for the benefit of all the citizens of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-260. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them by enacting the Social Security Fairness Act of 2013; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the Congress of the United States of America has enacted both the Government Pension Offset (GPO), reducing the spousal and survivor Social Security benefit, and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), reducing the earned Social Security benefit for any person who also receives a public pension benefit; and

Whereas, congress enacted these reduction provisions to provide a disincentive for public employees to receive two pensions; and

Whereas, the GPO negatively affects a spouse or survivor receiving a federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit who would also be entitled to a Social Security benefit earned by a spouse; and

Whereas, the GPO formula reduces the spousal or survivor Social Security benefit by two-thirds of the amount of the federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit received by the spouse or survivor, in many cases completely eliminating the Social Security benefit earned by the spouse even though the spouse paid Social Security taxes for many years; and

Whereas, the GPO often reduces spousal benefits so significantly it makes the difference between self-sufficiency and poverty; and

Whereas, the GPO has a harsh effect on thousands of citizens and undermines the original purpose of the Social Security dependent/survivor benefit; and

Whereas, the GPO negatively impacts over thirty thousand Louisianians; and

Whereas, the WEP applies to those persons who have earned federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefits, in addition to working in employment covered under Social Security and paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, the WEP reduces the earned Social Security benefit using an averaged indexed monthly earnings formula and may reduce Social Security benefits for affected

persons by as much as one-half of the retirement benefit earned as a public servant in employment not covered under Social Security; and

Whereas, the WEP causes hardworking individuals to lose a significant portion of the Social Security benefits that they earn themselves; and

Whereas, the WEP negatively impacts over thirty thousand Louisianians; and

Whereas, in certain circumstances both the WEP and GPO can be applied to a qualifying survivor's benefit, each independently reducing the available benefit and in combination eliminating a large portion of the total Social Security benefit available to the survivor; and

Whereas, the calculation characteristics of the GPO and the WEP have a disproportionately negative effect on employees working in lower-wage government jobs, like policemen, firefighters, teachers, and state employees; and

Whereas, Louisiana is making every effort to improve the quality of life of its citizens and to encourage them to live here lifelong, yet the current GPO and WEP provisions compromise their quality of life; and

Whereas, individuals drastically affected by the GPO or WEP may have no choice but to return to work after retirement in order to make ends meet, but the income earned during this post-retirement employment may cause additional reductions to the Social Security benefits to which the individual is entitled; and

Whereas, retired individuals affected by both GPO and WEP have significantly less money to support their basic needs and sometimes must rely on government assistance programs to bridge the gap; and

Whereas, the GPO and the WEP penalize individuals who have dedicated their lives to public service by taking away benefits they have earned; and

Whereas, our nation should respect, not penalize, public servants; and

Whereas, the number of people affected by the GPO and WEP is growing daily as the baby boomers attain retirement age and advances in health care increase longevity; and

Whereas, the GPO and WEP are established in federal law, and repeal of the GPO and the WEP can only be enacted by congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them by enacting the Social Security Fairness Act of 2013 (S. 896 and H.R. 1795); and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the

Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-261. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Whereas, the Congress of the United States of America has enacted both the Government Pension Offset (GPO), reducing the spousal and survivor Social Security benefit, and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), reducing the earned Social Security benefit for any person who also receives a public pension benefit; and

Whereas, the intent of congress in enacting the GPO and the WEP provisions was to address concerns that a public employee who had worked primarily in federal, state, or local government employment might receive a public pension in addition to the same Social Security benefit as a worker who has worked only in employment covered by Social Security throughout his career; and

Whereas, congress enacted these reduction provisions to provide a disincentive for public employees to receive two pensions; and

Whereas, the GPO negatively affects a spouse or survivor receiving a federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit who would also be entitled to a Social Security benefit earned by a spouse; and

Whereas, the GPO formula reduces the spousal or survivor Social Security benefit by two-thirds of the amount of the federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit received by the spouse or survivor, in many cases completely eliminating the Social Security benefit even though their spouses paid Social Security taxes for many years; and

Whereas, the GPO has a harsh effect on hundreds of thousands of citizens and undermines the original purpose of the Social Security dependent/survivor benefit; and

Whereas, according to the Social Security Administration, in 2013, at least 614,644 individuals nationally were affected by the GPO; and

Whereas, the WEP applies to those persons who have earned federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefits, in addition to working in employment covered under Social Security and paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, WEP reduces the earned Social Security benefit using an averaged indexed monthly earnings formula and may reduce

Social Security benefits for affected persons by as much as one-half of the retirement benefit earned as a public servant in employment not covered under Social Security; and

Whereas, the WEP causes hardworking individuals to lose a significant portion of the Social Security benefits that they earn themselves; and

Whereas, according to the Social Security Administration, in 2013, at least 1,549,544 individuals nationally were affected by the WEP; and

Whereas, in certain circumstances both the WEP and GPO can be applied to a qualifying survivor's benefit, each independently reducing the available benefit and in combination eliminating a large portion of the total Social Security benefit available to the survivor; and

Whereas, because of the calculation characteristics of the GPO and the WEP, they have a disproportionately negative effect on employees working in lower-wage government jobs, like policemen, firefighters, teachers, and state employees; and

Whereas, Louisiana is making every effort to improve the quality of life of its citizens and to encourage them to live here lifelong, yet the current GPO and WEP provisions compromise their quality of life; and

Whereas, the number of people affected by GPO and WEP is growing every day as more and more people reach retirement age; and

Whereas, individuals drastically affected by the GPO or WEP may have no choice but to return to work after retirement in order to make ends meet, but the earnings accumulated during this return to work can further reduce the Social Security benefits the individual is entitled to; and

Whereas, the GPO and WEP are established in federal law, and repeal of the GPO and the WEP can only be enacted by congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-262. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana expressing sympathy in support of the families of victims of massacres and atrocities perpetrated against the Armenian people in Azerbaijan and requesting that the President of the United States and the Congress exert all available influence on the government of Azerbaijan to cease the

falsification of the historical facts and bring to justice those responsible in Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

Whereas, the Armenian populated area of Nagorno-Karabakh is located between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan; and

Whereas, in 1920 the Soviet Union forcibly established control over the areas of Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

Whereas, the Soviet Union created the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Oblast within Azerbaijan in 1923 and this region became a source of dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and

Whereas, in 1988, the Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh peacefully demonstrated against Azerbaijan for the right of self-determination and individual freedom from repression and discrimination; and

Whereas, in February 1988, in the seaside town of Sumgait in Soviet Azerbaijan a pogrom targeted the Armenian population when mobs composed of largely ethnic Azerbaijanians formed groups which attacked and killed hundreds of Armenians on the streets, in their apartments in a situation that was allowed to continue by Soviet and Azerbaijan officials for three days before government forces imposed a state of martial law and curfew bringing the crisis to an end; and

Whereas, the crimes committed against Armenians in Sumgait remain unpunished thereby opening the door for similar atrocities against the Armenian people starting in the capital Baku and spreading to other areas of Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh; and

Whereas, Azerbaijan seeks to avoid responsibility for the violence and atrocities by falsifying historical events and by portraying the involvement of Soviet troops to Baku to restore order on the seventh day of the Armenian atrocities as a crackdown on the alleged independence movement in Azerbaijan; and

Whereas, it is well known that there was no large scale movement for independence in Azerbaijan due to the fact in a March 1991, referendum that more than 94% of the Azerbaijan constituencies favored preserving the Soviet Union; and

Whereas, Azerbaijan continues to distort events of other atrocities, including the events in the village of Khojaly in which Azerbaijan troops fired on their own population and the deportation of Armenian villages in Nagorno-Karabakh: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sympathy in support of the families of victims of massacres and atrocities

perpetrated against the Armenian people in Azerbaijan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate requests that the President of the United States and the Congress exert all available influence on the government of Azerbaijan to cease the falsification of the historical facts and bring to justice those in Azerbaijan who are responsible for the Armenian massacres in Sumgait, Baku, Kirovabad, Maragha, Nagomo-Karabakh, and of the citizens of Khojaly; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-263. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to raise awareness of human trafficking and sex trafficking to abolish this modern-day slavery and continue to aid Nigeria in the plight of finding the remaining two hundred seventy-six missing girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138

Whereas, on April 14, 2014, three hundred twenty-nine girls were kidnapped from their school in Chibok, Nigeria, by dozens of gunmen who stormed the girls dormitories while they were sleeping; and

Whereas, in a region where only four percent of girls complete secondary schooling, the kidnapped girls were the best and the brightest; looking forward to bright futures as global leaders, teachers, or lawyers; and

Whereas, the girls were abducted by a radical Islamic group called Boko Haram, which in English, means "Western education is sinful"; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2012, in testimony before United States Congress, the director of national intelligence, James Clapper, included Boko Haram in his worldwide threat assessment, stating, "There are also fears that Boko Haram, elements of which have engaged al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb, is interested in hitting Western targets, such as the United States Embassy and hotels frequented by Westerners"; and

Whereas, the United States has offered a seven million dollar bounty for the group's elusive leader, Abubakar Shekau; and

Whereas, the Department of State designated Boko Haram as a Foreign Terrorist Organization in November 2013, recognizing the threat posed by the group's large-scale and indiscriminate attacks against civilians, including women and children; and

Whereas, fifty-three girls were able to escape and have described their experiences as extremely distressing; and

Whereas, concern is growing about the safety of those who are still missing; and

Whereas, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has accepted offers from the United States of military personnel, law enforcement officials, and other experts; and

Whereas Boko Haram's militant leader, Abubakar Shekau, released a video in which he expresses his abhorrence of Western education, saying that the girls should be married instead of being educated and further claims that he will sell the women as he has been commanded by Allah; and

Whereas, Abubakar Shekau referred to the girls as slaves and stated that he plans to kidnap more girls; and

Whereas, United Nations and the United States have both stressed an absolute prohibition against slavery and sexual slavery in international law, making these actions crimes against humanity; and

Whereas, the White House press secretary has said that appropriate action must be taken to locate and to free these young women before they are trafficked or killed; and

Whereas, Louisiana has taken a most aggressive stand to abolish and condemn slavery among women in Louisiana and worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to raise awareness of human trafficking and sex trafficking to abolish this modern-day slavery and continue to aid Nigeria in the plight of finding the remaining two hundred seventy-six missing girl; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-264. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

Whereas, the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act would allow Medicare to reimburse retail community pharmacies for delivery of diabetic testing supplies to Medicare recipients' homes; and

Whereas, seniors would be safe from entering hazardous circumstances, risking debilitating falls, or other comparable inconveniences to obtain diabetic testing

supplies because of lack of supply delivery; and

Whereas, the cost of delivery of diabetic testing supplies may be equivalent regardless of whether they are delivered same-day by local pharmacies or through the mail; and

Whereas, the integrity of health care access to seniors in need of diabetic testing supply access would be increased; and

Whereas, in July 2013, the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act of 2013 was introduced as H.R. 2845 by United States Representative Peter Welch of Vermont, and

Whereas, in January 2014, Senator John Thune of South Dakota introduced the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act of 2014 as S. 1935; and

Whereas, the percentage of people diagnosed with diabetes from 1980-2011 for those aged sixty-five to seventy-four years increased one hundred forty percent, and one hundred twenty-five percent for those age seventy-five years and older, and the overall prevalence of diagnosed diabetes has risen sharply among all groups for which data is available; and

Whereas, community pharmacies play a pivotal role in affordable and accessible health care within rural and other underserved communities by providing delivery services: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-265. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 153

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mental illness is defined as "health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with distress and/or impaired function"; and

Whereas, approximately sixty-one million five hundred thousand Americans experience mental illness in a given year; and

Whereas, approximately thirteen million six hundred thousand Americans live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder; and

Whereas, more than eleven million Americans have severe schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression; and

Whereas, one-half of all chronic mental illness begins by the age of fourteen; and

Whereas, fewer than one-third of adults and one-half of children with a diagnosed mental disorder receive mental health services in a given year; and

Whereas, individuals living with mental health challenges and their families soon discover that the illness affects many aspects of their lives and that they need more than medical help; and

Whereas, many loved ones are left feeling hopeless in receiving effective and appropriate treatment for their family members who suffer from mental illness; and

Whereas, there is a need to better allocate current resources to focus on the most effective services and most severe mental illnesses; and

Whereas, it is prudent to promote stronger interagency coordination, increase data collection on treatment outcomes, and raise efforts to drive evidence-based care; and

Whereas, Congressman Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania has introduced the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 as H.R. 3717; and

Whereas, the bill will create within the Department of Health and Human Services a new assistant secretary for mental health and substance-abuse disorders who would lead federal mental illness efforts, be responsible for promoting the medically oriented models of care adopted by the National Institute of Mental Health, and oversee the grant process while holding community centers accountable by ensuring they are meeting evidence-based standards; and

Whereas, H.R. 3717 would push states to efficiently allocate funds towards modernizing mental illness state laws and raise support for community mental health centers and hospital psychiatric care; and

Whereas, to address issues regarding the shortage of psychiatric professionals, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 would advance medical tools like telepsychiatry which links primary physicians in underserved areas to psychiatric professionals in order to decrease the average span of time between an initial episode of psychosis for a patient and his preliminary evaluation and treatment procedures; and

Whereas, H.R. 3717 would give physicians legal safe harbor to volunteer at understaffed mental health centers; and

Whereas, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 will adjust the federal privacy law known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, by allowing mental health professionals and families to share information about loved ones to promote more appropriate and

effective treatment procedures: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-266. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or to take such actions as are necessary to require that places of public accommodation and commercial facilities be equipped with seating for persons who are unable to rise from a seated position without assistance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

Whereas, Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181) requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with the accessibility standards established by federal regulation; and

Whereas, as our population ages and our veterans return home from overseas, there is a growing population who are unable to rise from the seated position without physical hands-on assistance from others, including strangers; and

Whereas, the need to require assistance from others to complete the task of rising from a seated position robs persons of their independence and dignity; and

Whereas, if seating accommodations were to be equipped with raised arms or parts from which a person could push when rising then this would eliminate the need for persons to obtain assistance from others: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181) or to take such actions as are necessary to require that places of public accommodation and commercial facilities be equipped with seating for persons who are unable to rise from a seated position without assistance; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2388. To take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-197).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2514. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2515. A bill to ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries have the opportunity to receive care in a home and community-based setting; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KING, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. TESTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WALSH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. REID, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2516. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2517. A bill to prohibit bonuses to senior-level IRS executives until all Congressional requests for documents, including electronic communications, related to the investigation of IRS targeting of taxpayers are complete; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 2518. A bill to establish a grant program to incentivize States to implement comprehensive reforms and innovative strategies to significantly improve postsecondary outcomes for low-income and first generation college students, including increasing postsecondary enrollment and graduation rates, to reduce the need of postsecondary students for remedial education, to increase alignment of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, and to promote innovation in postsecondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2519. A bill to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2520. A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2521. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2522. A bill to designate the James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway and the James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway in the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2523. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2524. A bill to support access to career and technical education programs of study that provide students with education and training combining rigorous academics with technical curricula focused on specific high-skill, high-wage, high-demand and high-growth occupations and industries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. Res. 482. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest Van Ness Street, Northwest International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Liu Xiaobo Plaza"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. Res. 483. A resolution establishing a point of order against legislation selling Federal land in order to reduce the deficit; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1307

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1307, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1534

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1534, a bill to provide a framework establishing the rights, liabilities, and responsibilities of participants in closing procedures for certain types of consumer deposit accounts, to protect individual consumer rights, and for other purposes.

S. 1692

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1692, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 2472

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2472, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the

Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2496, a bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.

S. 2502

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2502, a bill to establish in the United States Agency for International Development an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab, and for other purposes.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2510

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2510, a bill to establish a temporary limitation on the use of funds to transfer or release individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SENATE RESOLUTION 447

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 447, a resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Finance Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2014, at 10 a.m., in Room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Less Student Debt from the Start: What Role Should the Tax System Play?"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on June 24, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Moving Toward Greater Community Inclusion—Olmstead at 15."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 24, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 24, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The AT&T/DIRECTTV Merger: The Impact on Competition and Consumers in the Video Market and Beyond."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY, AND GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., to hold an International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues subcommittee hearing entitled, "Combating Violence and Discrimination Against Women: A Global Call to Action."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 316) to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1044. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

S. 2086. An act to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

The message further announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 412. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4002. An act to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4092. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools.

H.R. 4801. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water.

At 4:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1044. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

S. 2086. An act to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

H.R. 316. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 412. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4002. An act to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 4092. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4801. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11 a.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes), during which the following occurred:

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2280

Mr. HOEVEN, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; that there be four hours for debate thereon; and that, at the conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time, and the Senate vote on passage thereof.

After debate, Mrs. BOXER objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILLS S. 2262 AND S. 2280

Mrs. SHAHEEN, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that, at a time determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate resume consideration of the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; that the motion to commit be withdrawn; that amendment Nos. 3023 and 3025 be withdrawn; that amendment No. 3012 (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that a Budget Act point of order against the bill, as amended, and a motion to waive

in relation thereto, be in order; that no other amendment or motion be in order; that there be four hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of passage of the bill, as amended; that the bill, as amended, receive a minimum of 60 yeas to pass; that, upon disposition of the bill, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but no later than Thursday, July 17, 2014; that a Budget Act point of order against the bill, and a motion to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that no other amendment or motion be in order; that there be four hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of passage of the bill; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas to pass.

After debate, Mr. INHOFE objected.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 803

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, relative to the bill (H.R. 803) to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century be modified such that, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the

bill; that the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that Mr. FLAKE and Mr. LEE each control five minutes of the time of the minority; that the limitation of 10 minutes for debate on each amendment therein be vitiated; and that provisions of said order remain in effect.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the majority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of bill H.R. 803, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:02 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 25, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of bill H.R. 803 on today, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense, and Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, June 25, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1044. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

S. 2086. A bill to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 447. A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment and an amendment to the title and with a preamble:

S. Res. 462. A resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2525. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2526. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2527. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2528. A bill to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving missing children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2529. A bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 2530. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2531. A bill to reward and incentivize evidence-based State policies that improve educational continuity and limit juvenile court involvement and incarceration for youth through a priority in awarding certain competitive grants offered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2532. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 484. A resolution recognizing and honoring the 150th anniversary of the

establishment of the Yosemite Grant Act; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 485. A resolution congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2014 National Basketball Association Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1106, a bill to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by Federal mortgage agencies by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs, and for other purposes.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1332

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Connecticut

[Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1933

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1933, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes.

S. 1971

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1971, a bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2025

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2025, a bill to require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of collected personal information, and for other purposes.

S. 2060

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2060, a bill to direct the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board to develop accessibility guidelines for electronic instructional materials and related information technologies in institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2346

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2346, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails, and to designate the American Discovery Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2463

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2463, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2491, a bill to protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr.

FRANKEN] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. CANTWELL,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the Financial Stability Oversight Council Annual Report to Congress.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "NextGen: A Review of Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities for Improving Aviation Safety and Efficiency."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 2 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Trade Enforcement: Using Trade Rules to Level the Playing Field for U.S. Companies and Workers."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Future of U.S.-China Relations."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Economic Development: Encouraging Investment in Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Voting Rights Amendment Act, S. 1945: Updating the Voting Rights Act in Response to *Shelby County v. Holder*."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 2 p.m., in room SR-301 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Election Administration: Examining How Early and Absentee Voting Can Benefit Citizens and Administrators."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs' Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Dreams Deferred: Young Workers and Recent Graduates in the U.S. Economy."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 25, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "State of Play: Brain Injuries and Diseases of Aging."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4631. An act to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4870. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1681. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1098. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research.

H.R. 1281. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

H.R. 3301. An act to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3548. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

H.R. 4080. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4413. An act to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1098. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury

and to trauma research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3548. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4080. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4413. An act to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 4870. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2262

Mr. MCCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, relative to the consideration of the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes, the only amendments in order to the bill be five minority amendments, relative to energy policy; that each amendment receive 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; and that, upon disposition of said amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof.

After debate,
Mr. REID objected.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND
OPPORTUNITY ACT

The hour of 12 noon having passed,
Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 803) to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century.

Whereupon,
The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill; and
Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,
The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.
The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,
Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. BROWN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3378, in the nature of a substitute).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That each vote after the first at 2:30 p.m. on today be 10 minutes in duration; and that, upon disposition of the pending bill, the time until 4:30 p.m. on today be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3378 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN for Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER) to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking certain words, and inserting others (being amendment No. 3381).

Pending debate,
The pending amendment was considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3378 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

On motion by Mr. FLAKE to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by striking subparagraph A in section 116(g)(2), and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3379).

Pending debate,
The pending amendments were considered laid aside.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3378 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

On motion by Mr. LEE to amend the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 395 by striking lines 20 through 24 and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3380).

After debate,
Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3379 to amendment No. 3378 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 33, nays... 63

[Rollcall Vote No. 212 Leg.]

YEAS --- 33

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 63

Alexander, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3380 to amendment No. 3378 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

On motion by Mrs. MURRAY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 40, nays... 58

[Rollcall Vote No. 213 Leg.]

YEAS --- 40

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 58

Alexander, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3381 to amendment No. 3378 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question then being on agreeing to No. 3378 (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. HARKIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 95, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 214 Leg.]

YEAS --- 95

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, Johnson (WI), Lee.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

The title was amended, on motion by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ALEXANDER), so as to read: "An act to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes."

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 19, 2014, as modified,

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363:

HARRY REID, KAY R. HAGAN, DICK DURBIN, MICHAEL F. BENNET, DEBBIE STABENOW, RON WYDEN, JOE DONNELLY, PATRICK J. LEAHY, ANGUS KING, MARK BEGICH, TIM KAINE, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., SHERROD BROWN, T.R. HARKIN, CHRIS COONS, AMY KLOBUCHAR, HEIDI HEITKAMP.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 1:45 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Karen Dynan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of Interior, and Jo Emily Handelman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each nomination;

that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on said nominations in the aforementioned order; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YOSEMITE GRANT ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 484) recognizing and honoring the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Yosemite Grant Act, submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS FOR WINNING THE 2014 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 485) congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2014 National Basketball Association Championship, submitted today by Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3301) to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; and that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4:39 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 26, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3301) to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of

the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

**MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2363**

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday be modified such that, at 11:45 a.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT**

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 25, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1681. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed during the session of the Senate by the PRESIDENT pro tempore, on today.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, June 26, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1681. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for

intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6235. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Disclosure to Shareholders; Disclosure to Investors in System-wide and Consolidated Bank Debt Obligations of the Farm Credit System; Advisory Vote" (RIN3052-AD00), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6236. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael R. Moeller, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6237. A communication from the Director, Facilities Services Directorate, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Facilities Services Directorate/Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office (PENREN) annual report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6238. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Regulations Transferred to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau" (RIN2501-AD67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6239. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burmese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 537), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6240. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report

on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6241. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6242. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the competitiveness of the export financing services for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6243. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6244. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reliability Assurance Program" (NRC-2013-0123), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6245. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for the Northern Mexican Gartersnake and Narrow-headed Gartersnake" (RIN1018-AZ23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6246. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for *Ivesia webberi*" (RIN1018-AZ12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6247. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Ivesia webberi*" (RIN1018-AZ57), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on June 23, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6248. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon: Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9912-55-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6249. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Georgia: State Implementation Plan Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 9912-82-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6250. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Provisions of the Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Rule" ((RIN2050-AG68)(FRL No. 9911-84-OSWER)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6251. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used by Dual Eligibles: 2014 (OEI-05-14-00170)"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6252. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Scheduling and Appearing at Hearings" (RIN0960-AH37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6253. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6254. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the

Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-059); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6255. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: United States Munitions List Category XI (Military Electronics), and Other Changes" (RIN1400-AD25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6256. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-75, Introduction" (FAC 2005-75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6257. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; EPEAT Items" (RIN9000-AM71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6258. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contracting with Women-Owned Small Business Concerns" (RIN9000-AM59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6259. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-75, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6260. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Limitation on Allowable Government Contractor Compensation Costs" (RIN9000-AM75), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee

on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6261. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period Limitation" (RIN1210-AB61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6262. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities, Requirement, and Definitions; Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program" (CFDA No. 84.215G); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6263. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6264. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6265. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral William H. McRaven, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6266. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Howard B. Bromberg, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6267. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System; Regulations to Certify and Integrate Regional Information Coordination Entities" (RIN0648-ZA94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6268. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2534. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-198).

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 2244, A bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-199).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2554. An original bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline (Rept. No. 113-200).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1104. A bill to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-201).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1448. A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-202).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1933. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-203).

H.R. 3212. A bill to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-204).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2449. A bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2454. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of

the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. COATS, Mr. JOHANNIS, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2533. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2534. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2535. A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2536. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for enhanced criminal and civil remedies in the protection of children and other victims of commercial sexual exploitation and related crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2537. A bill to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2538. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2539. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2540. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to Patriot employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2541. A bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2542. A bill to clarify the effect of State statutes of repose on the required commencement date for actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2543. A bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2544. A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2545. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 2546. A bill to repeal a requirement that new employees of certain employers be automatically enrolled in the employer's health benefits; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2547. A bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs.

SHAHEEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2548. A bill to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to take certain emergency action to eliminate excessive speculation in energy markets; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2549. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2550. A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of non-violent persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. COATS):

S. 2551. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish the Innovative Approaches to Technology Transfer Grant Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2552. A bill to enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2553. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2554. An original bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2555. A bill to require a report on military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2556. A bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2557. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State accountability in the provision of access to the core resources for learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2558. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise the definition of the term "colonia", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2559. A bill to provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARDIN (by request):

S. 2560. A bill to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2561. A bill to prevent organized human smuggling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2562. A bill to provide an incentive to businesses to bring jobs back to America; read the first time.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 2563. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COATS, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 486. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that President Obama should take immediate action to mitigate the humanitarian crisis along the international border between the United States and Mexico involving unaccompanied migrant children and to prevent future crises; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. Res. 487. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. should appoint a special counsel or prosecutor to investigate the targeting of conservative nonprofit groups by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WALSH):

S. Res. 488. A resolution designating July 26, 2014, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. Res. 489. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Growth Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 490. A resolution commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 491. A resolution congratulating the Los Angeles Kings on winning the 2014 Stanley Cup Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 492. A resolution congratulating "A Prairie Home Companion" on its 40 years of engaging, humorous, and quality radio programming; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 493. A resolution designating July 11, 2014, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr.

COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 494. A resolution relative to the death of Howard H. Baker, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Warren Weinstein should be returned home to his family; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1027, a bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1114, a bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

S. 1128

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1128, a bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers.

S. 1184

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1184, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the Medicare and You Handbook and to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 1396

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1396, a bill to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act

to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2235, a bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2346

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2346, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails, and to designate the American Discovery Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 2349

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2349, a bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2395, a bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002.

S. 2414

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2414, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of

S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2483

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2483, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2496, a bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.

S. 2507

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2507, a bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The State of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Industry: Federal Efforts to Attract 100 Million Visitors Annually.”

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the “Preserving American’s Transit and Highways Act.”

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2014, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a

hearing entitled “Sexual Assault on Campus: Working to Ensure Student Safety.”

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 26, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6. An act to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4899. An act to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production, to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4899. An act to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production, to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 11:45 a.m. not yet having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session (and after consideration of executive business, involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 487

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution (S. Res. 487) expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. should appoint a special counsel or prosecutor to investigate the targeting of conservative nonprofit groups by the Internal Revenue Service; that the resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. WYDEN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 202

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 202) to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 91

Mr. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 91) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. DURBIN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE
ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS
ENHANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2076) to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BOOZMAN) to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words (being amendment No. 3442).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE ACT
REAUTHORIZATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1799) to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. COONS) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3443, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO TRUST LANDS FOR
THE SHINGLE SPRINGS BAND OF
MIWOK INDIANS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2388) to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into

trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE MAY-
LEWES FERRY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 490) commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE L.A.
KINGS ON WINNING THE 2014
STANLEY CUP

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 491) congratulating the Los Angeles Kings on winning the 2014 Stanley Cup Championship, submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING "A PRAIRIE
HOME COMPANION" ON ITS 40th
ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 492) congratulating "A Prairie Home Companion" on its 40 years of engaging, humorous, and quality radio programming, submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "COLLECTOR CAR
APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 493) designating July 11, 2014, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States, submitted today by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BEGICH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF
FORMER SENATOR HOWARD H.
BAKER, JR.

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 494) relative to the death of Howard H. Baker, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr.

PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2562) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America, introduced today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SCHATZ), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointment to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, July 7, 2014, Mr. LEVIN and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2014, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, June 30, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2014, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2014; that, on Monday, July 7, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, and resume consideration of the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that time for debate thereon, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 15, 113th Congress be considered concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation thereof; that upon confirmation, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that, upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said motion.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:41 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on Monday, next.

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2014

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 12:00:02 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 30, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

At 12:00:30 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, June 26, 2014, until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2014.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014

Mr. THOMAS R. CARPER, from the State of Delaware, called the Senate to order at 1:32:37 p.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 3, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. CARPER took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

At 1:33:11 p.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, June 26, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2014.

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 7, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2562) to provide an incentive to businesses to bring jobs back to America, introduced on Thursday, June 26, 2014 by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SCHATZ), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 3, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS of Maryland) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2388. An act to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order June 26, 2014, the enrolled bill was signed on July 3, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. CARPER).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6269. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Section 737 Study on Incidence of Breast Cancer Among Members of Armed Forces Serving on Active Duty"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6270. A communication from the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Bank's Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and a report on Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6271. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6272. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to South Africa; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6273. A communication from the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Bank's Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and a report on Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6274. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 Management Report and statement of the system of internal control; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6275. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6276. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a prospectus that supports additional design for the Columbus, New Mexico, Land Port of Entry; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6277. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine and New Hampshire; Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9912-51-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6278. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Revision to the Chicago 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9912-57-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6279. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for North Carolina: State Implementation Plan Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 9912-83-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6280. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Nitrogen Oxide Combustion Turbine Alternative Control Requirements for the Milwaukee-Racine Former Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9912-56-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6281. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; Listing of Trustee Designations" (FRL No. 9739-9-OW), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6282. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma: Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9911-76-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6283. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9912-64-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6284. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Revision 0 to Fitness-for-Duty - Construction" (NRC-2014-0099), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6285. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manual Operator Actions in Diversity and Defense-in-Depth Analyses" (NRC-2009-0515), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6286. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Revision to Physical Security Early Site Permit and Reactor Siting Criteria" (NRC-2014-0101), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6287. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-005); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6288. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6289. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Substitutions for SSA-538" (RIN0960-AH02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6290. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-053); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6291. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Third Rule Implementing Export Control Reform; Correction" (RIN1400-AD46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6292. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CLIA Program and HIPAA Privacy Rule; Patients' Access to Test Reports" ((RIN0938-AQ38)-(CMS-2319-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6293. A communication from the Deputy Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Safety and Health Investigations of Places of Employment; Technical Amendments" (RIN0920-AA51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6294. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and a Member of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6295. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Federally Assisted Programs or Activities" (RIN3136-AA33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6296. A communication from the President of the United States to the President

Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6297. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6298. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Wiretap Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6299. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces" (RIN2900-AP07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6300. A communication from the Executive Director of the Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Agency Biennial Computer Matching Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6301. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-357, "Special Event Waste Diversion Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6302. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-356, "Health Benefit Exchange Authority Financial Sustainability Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6303. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-355, "Educator Evaluation Data Collection Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6304. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-354, "Vending Regulations Temporary Amendment Act of

2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6305. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Council Resolution 20-502, "Transfer of Jurisdiction Over Lot 802, Square 4325 within Fort Lincoln New Town Emergency Approval Resolution of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6306. A communication from the Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6307. A communication from the Acting Inspector General of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that the audit of the financial statements of the Federal Trade Commission for fiscal year 2014 has commenced; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6308. A communication from the Chief of the Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((GN Docket No. 12-268)(FCC 14-50)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6309. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Specifications for the 2014-2015 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD094), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6310. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Amendment 20A" (RIN0648-BD83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6311. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery Off the Atlantic States; Amendment 5" (RIN0648-BD08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6312. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Re-establishing the Sanctuary Nomination Process" (RIN0648-BD20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6313. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules Governing Qualifying Examination Systems and Other Matters" ((WT Docket No. 12-283)(FCC 14-74)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6314. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((WT Docket Nos. 12-268 and 12-269)(FCC 14-63)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6315. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Amtrak's Executive Level 1 salary for 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6316. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-267. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1076

Whereas, Insurance protects the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic growth and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, The terrorist attack of September 11, 2001 produced insured losses larger than any natural or man-made event in history; claims paid by insurers to their policyholders eventually totaled some \$32.5 billion, making this the second most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, The sheer enormity of the terrorist-induced loss, combined with the possibility of haute attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets, causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, The lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance; and

Whereas, The United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-297 (TRIA), in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-144, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-160 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, Under TRIPRA, the federal government provides such reinsurance after industry-wide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed \$100 million; and

Whereas, Coverage under TRIPRA is provided to an individual insurer after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to 20% of the insurer's previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, After an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays

15% of residual losses and the federal government pays the remaining 85%, and

Whereas, The Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of \$100 billion of aggregate insured losses, beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup 100% of the benefits provided under the program via policy holder surcharges to the extent the aggregate insured losses are less than \$27.5 billion and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, Without question, TRIA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism Insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, The presence of a robust private/public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, Without a program such as TRIPRA, many citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, Without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism to support our economy; and

Whereas, Unfortunately, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-268. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the Secretary of the Interior to immediately take all necessary measures to operate the Yuma Desalting Plant; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1001

Whereas, under a treaty agreement entered into in 1973, the United States is required to ensure that water delivered to Mexico as part of Mexico's allocation of Colorado River water meets certain water quality standards; and

Whereas, in accordance with this agreement, the United States Congress enacted the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974, which directed and authorized the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate and maintain a desalting plant to treat drainage water from the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District and deliver the treated water to Mexico; and

Whereas, construction of the Yuma Desalting Plant was completed in 1992; and

Whereas, the Yuma Desalting Plant is capable of treating 100,000 acre-feet of water annually; and

Whereas, except for limited, initial operations in 1993, a demonstration run completed in 2007 and a nine-month pilot run completed in 2011, the federal government has failed to operate the Yuma Desalting Plant for most of its 30 years of existence; and

Whereas, the Department of the Interior is using 100,000 acre-feet of water from Lake Mead to fulfill its water quality obligations to Mexico, rather than conserving an equivalent amount of water through the operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant; and

Whereas, the Colorado River system is in its 14th consecutive year of drought; and

Whereas, as a result of these drought conditions, the Department of the Interior is projecting that a shortage on the Colorado River is increasingly likely, with the probability that the shortage will exceed 50% in 2017; and

Whereas, the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study released by the Bureau of Reclamation in December 2012 concluded that there will be a future imbalance between the supply and demand for Colorado River water and cited measures such as water conservation, reuse and augmentation to stave off future shortages on the Colorado River; and

Whereas, the Central Arizona Project is a junior priority rights holder to Colorado River water and would bear the largest reduction of Colorado River water in times of shortage; and

Whereas, by abdicating its obligation to operate the Yuma Desalting Plant, the federal government has caused the loss of more than 1,300,000 acre-feet from Lake Mead, placing the State of Arizona at increased risk of water shortage; and

Whereas, if the federal government were to operate the Yuma Desalting Plant, it would conserve 100,000 acre-feet per year, equivalent to the water needed to supply

more than 250,000 Arizona homes with water annually.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior immediately take all necessary measures to operate the Yuma Desalting Plant.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-269. A memorial adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to recognize that open-air burn pits impose significant health risks and enact a presumption of a service connection between open-air burn pit exposure and subsequent illnesses that is similar to the presumption in place for exposure to Agent Orange; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE MEMORIAL 2002

Whereas, during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, open-air burn pits were widely used for the disposal of waste in place of incinerators until bases became more established. The military burned nearly everything in the open-air burn pits, including plastic, styrofoam, electronics, metal cans, rubber, ammunition, explosives, human waste and lithium batteries: and

Whereas, in 2011, an Institute of Medicine study, requested by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, concluded that there was insufficient data to determine whether burn pit emissions had long-term health consequences. However, some United States military personnel that were stationed near burn pits have stated that burn pit exposure has led to a litany of medical problems: and

Whereas, after careful review of the Institute of Medicine report, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has directed the Veterans Health Administration to conduct a long-term prospective study on all adverse health effects potentially related to military deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan, including health effects potentially related to exposure to airborne hazards and burn pits; and

Whereas, congressional lawmakers passed, and President Obama signed, a bill in 2013 that creates a registry similar to the Agent Orange and Gulf War registries to help patients, doctors and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs determine the extent to which air pollution caused by

open-air burn pits has led to medical diseases among service members.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the United States Congress recognize that open-air burn pits impose significant health risks and enact a presumption of a service connection between open-air burn pit exposure and subsequent illnesses that is similar to the presumption in place for exposure to Agent Orange.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-270. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California supporting the extension of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program and respectfully memorializing the United States Congress to promptly renew the extension of unemployment benefits that will tremendously aid millions of people; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, In 2008, the United States suffered its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression; and

Whereas, The economic downturn resulted in a 10 percent unemployment rate nationwide by 2009, and a rate as high as 12.4 percent in California; and

Whereas, When unemployment benefits were first authorized, the national unemployment rate was only 5.6 percent; and

Whereas, Now the current unemployment rate is at 7 percent and 36 states, including California, have higher rates of unemployment; and

Whereas, California's unemployed workers currently face one of the toughest job markets in the country, with statewide unemployment at 8.5 percent and three unemployed workers for every available job; and

Whereas, In 2009, Congress passed the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program which extended benefits to those out of work for up to 99 weeks to give relief to many that have endured an extended period of unemployment. Unemployed workers in California receive 37 weeks of EUC, and 26 weeks of state benefits, averaging just two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$292) a week; and

Whereas, On December 28, 2013, the EUC program expired without an extension from Congress. On that day, 214,000 unemployed workers ran out of EUC in California and 12,500 more will be doing so daily; and

Whereas, As of February 24, 2014, close to 1,273,100 unemployed workers in California

have run out of all available unemployment benefits; and

Whereas, The EUC program brought \$4.5 billion in benefits to the California economy in 2013 alone; and

Whereas, It is crucial for the United States government to take action in renewing the EUC program and extending the unemployment benefits that millions of people direly need: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature supports the extension of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program and respectfully memorializes the United States Congress to promptly renew the extension of unemployment benefits that will tremendously aid millions of people; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-271. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to repeal the requirement that physicians who have a National Provider Identifier enroll in or opt out of Medicare as a condition for payment of claims for ordered or provided covered services under federal health care programs; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1009

Whereas, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-152), collectively known as the Affordable Care Act, expands the role of federal health care programs and regulations over the private health care market; and

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act makes many changes to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, some of which involve strengthening tools for quality and integrity; and

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act has resulted in numerous regulations for health care providers; and

Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requires physicians to enroll in Medicare or opt out of Medicare in order for health care providers to receive payment for services; and

Whereas, wrong addresses, telephone numbers and licensing information for physicians have been found throughout Medicare enrollment systems that are used to approve claims; and

Whereas, an estimated 58% of enrollment records in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System were inaccurate, and 48% of records in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System had errors; and

Whereas, more and more physicians are choosing not to accept Medicare or Medicaid due to increased government regulations and reduced levels of reimbursement; and

Whereas, the federal Medicare enrollment requirement has the unintended consequence of limiting facility options for physicians to admit and treat their patients.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress repeal the requirement that physicians who have a National Provider Identifier enroll in or opt out of Medicare as a condition for payment of claims for ordered or provided covered services under federal health care programs.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-272. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida urging the United States Congress to enact H.R. 25, the Fair Tax Act of 2013, which eliminates the personal income tax, the alternative minimum tax, the inheritance tax, the gift tax, the capital gains tax, the corporate income tax, the self-employment tax, and the employee and employer payroll tax and replaces them with a national retail sales tax; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE MEMORIAL 118

Whereas, our Founding Fathers, being mindful that history has demonstrated that income taxes give government too much power over citizens, specifically forbade such taxes in the Constitution of the United States, and

Whereas, Alexander Hamilton wrote in The Federalist No. 21 that “it is a signal advantage of taxes on articles of consumption, that they contain in their own nature a security against excess,” and

Whereas, the current income tax system requires individual taxpayers to prepare annual tax returns using many complicated forms, causing innocent errors that are heavily punished, and

Whereas, the current income tax system actually penalizes marriage, and

Whereas, the federal income tax:

(1) Retards economic growth and has reduced the standard of living of the American public;

(2) Impedes the international competitiveness of United States industry;

(3) Reduces savings and investment in the United States by taxing income multiple times;

(4) Slows the capital formation necessary for real wages to steadily increase;

(5) Lowers productivity;

(6) Imposes unacceptable and unnecessary administrative and compliance costs on individual and business taxpayers;

(7) Is unfair and inequitable;

(8) Unnecessarily intrudes upon the privacy and civil rights of United States citizens;

(9) Hides the true costs of government by embedding taxes in the costs of everything that Americans buy;

(10) Is not being complied with at satisfactory levels and, therefore, raises the tax burden on law-abiding citizens; and

(11) Impedes upward social mobility, and

Whereas, federal payroll taxes, including social security and Medicare payroll taxes and self-employment taxes:

(1) Raise the cost of employment;

(2) Destroy jobs and cause unemployment; and

(3) Have a disproportionately adverse impact on lower-income Americans, and

Whereas, the federal estate and gift taxes:

(1) Force family businesses and farms to be sold by the family in order to pay taxes;

(2) Discourage capital formation and entrepreneurship;

(3) Foster the continued dominance of large enterprises over small family-owned companies and farms; and

(4) Impose unacceptably high tax-planning costs on small businesses and farms, and

Whereas, a broad-based national sales tax on goods and services purchased for final consumption:

(1) Is similar in many respects to the sales and use taxes that are authorized in 45 of the 50 states;

(2) Will promote savings and investment;

(3) Will promote fairness;

(4) Will promote economic growth;

(5) Will raise the standard of living;

(6) Will enhance productivity and international competitiveness;

(7) Will reduce administrative burdens on the American taxpayer;

(8) Will improve upward social mobility; and

(9) Will respect the privacy interests and civil rights of taxpayers, and

Whereas, Congress should consider when implementing the administration of a national sales tax that:

(1) Most of the practical experience in administering sales taxes is found at the state level;

(2) It is desirable to harmonize federal and state collection and enforcement efforts to the maximum extent possible;

(3) It is sound tax administration policy to foster administration and collection of the

federal sales tax at the state level in return for a reasonable administration fee to the states; and

(4) A business that must collect and remit taxes should receive reasonable compensation for the cost of doing so, and

Whereas, the 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution should be repealed: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all due respect, does hereby urge the United States Congress to enact H.R. 25, the Fair Tax Act of 2013, which eliminates the personal income tax, the alternative minimum tax, the inheritance tax, the gift tax, the capital gains tax, the corporate income tax, the self-employment tax, and the employee and employer payroll tax and replaces them with a national retail sales tax, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-273. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California calling upon the Congress and the President of the United States to formally and consistently recognize and reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, During the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 1.5 million men, women, and children of Armenian descent lost their lives at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire in its attempt to systematically eliminate the Armenian race; and

Whereas, Despite Armenians’ historic presence, stewardship, and autonomy in the region, Turkish’ rulers of the Ottoman Empire subjected Armenians to severe and unjust persecution and brutality including, but not limited to, widespread and wholesale massacres beginning in the 1890s, most notably the Hamidian Massacres from 1894 to 1896 and the Adana Massacre of 1909; and

Whereas, The earlier massacres and subsequent genocide of the Armenians constitute one of the most atrocious violations of human rights in the history of the world; and

Whereas, Adolph Hitler, in persuading his army commanders that the merciless persecution and killing of Jews, Poles, and other people would bring no retribution, declared, “Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?”; and

Whereas, Unlike other people and governments that have admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor regimes, and despite the overwhelming proof of genocidal intent, the Republic of Turkey has inexplicably and adamantly denied the occurrence of the crimes against humanity committed by the Ottoman and Young Turk rulers. Those denials compound the grief of the few remaining survivors of the atrocities, desecrate the memory of the victims, and cause continuing pain to the descendants of the victims; and

Whereas, The Republic of Turkey has escalated its international campaign of Armenian Genocide denial, maintained its blockade of Armenia and increased its pressure on the small but growing movement in Turkey acknowledging the Armenian Genocide and seeking justice for this systematic campaign of destruction of millions of Armenians, Greeks, Assyrians, Pontians, Syrians, and other Christians upon their biblical-era homelands; and

Whereas, Those citizens of Turkey, both Armenian and non-Armenian, who continue to speak the truth about the Armenian Genocide, such as human rights activist and journalist Hrant Dink, continue to be silenced by violent means; and

Whereas, The accelerated level and scope of denial and revisionism, coupled with the passage of time and the fact that very few survivors remain who can serve as reminders of the indescribable brutality and the lives that were tormented, compel a sense of urgency in efforts to solidify recognition of historical truth; and

Whereas, The United States is on record as having officially recognized the Armenian Genocide in the United States government's May 28, 1951, written statement to the International Court of Justice regarding the Reservations to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, through President Ronald Reagan's April 22, 1981, Proclamation No. 4838, and by Congressional legislation/including House Joint Resolution 148 adopted on April 8, 1975, and House Joint Resolution 247 adopted on September 10, 1984; and

Whereas, Even prior to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United States has a record of having sought to justly and constructively address the consequences of the Ottoman Empire's intentional destruction of the Armenian people, including through Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 adopted on February 9, 1916, Senate Resolution 359 adopted on May 11, 1920, and President Woodrow Wilson's November 22, 1920, decision entitled, The Frontier between Armenia and Turkey; and

Whereas, By consistently remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenians, and honoring the survivors as well as other victims of similar heinous conduct, we guard against repetition of such acts of genocide and provide the American public with a greater understanding of history; and

Whereas, This measure would declare that the Legislature deplores the persistent, ongoing efforts by any person, in this country or abroad, to deny the historical fact of the Armenian Genocide; and

Whereas, California is home to the largest Armenian-American population in the United States, and Armenians living in California have enriched our state through their leadership and contribution in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts; and

Whereas, The State of California has been at the forefront of encouraging and promoting a curriculum relating to human rights and genocide in order to empower future generations to prevent the recurrence of genocide; and

Whereas, On April 24, 2013, the President of the United States stated, "A full, frank, and just acknowledgment of the facts is in all of our interests. Nations grow stronger by acknowledging and reckoning with painful elements of the past, thereby building a foundation for a more just and tolerant future"; and

Whereas, President Obama entered office having stated his "firmly held conviction that the Armenian Genocide is not an allegation, a personal opinion, or a point of view, but rather a widely documented fact supported by an overwhelming body of historical evidence" and affirmed his record of "calling for Turkey's acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide"; and

Whereas, The United States' national interests in establishing equitable, constructive, stable, and durable relations between Armenians and Turks cannot be meaningfully advanced by circumventing or otherwise seeking to avoid the central political, legal, security, and meal issue between these two nations: Turkey's denial of truth and justice for the Armenian Genocide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of April 2014, as "California Month of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature commends its conscientious educators who teach about human rights and genocide; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature respectfully calls upon the Congress and the President of the United States to act likewise and to formally and consistently recognize and reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities

committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature calls on the President to work toward equitable, constructive, stable, and durable Armenian-Turkish relations based upon the Republic of Turkey's full acknowledgment of the facts and ongoing consequences of the Armenian Genocide, and a fair, just, and comprehensive international resolution of this crime against humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature calls upon the Republic of Turkey to acknowledge the facts of the Armenian Genocide and to work toward a just resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, the Governor, and the Turkish Ambassador to the United States.

POM-274. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida urging the President of the United States to issue final approval for construction and completion of the Keystone XL pipeline project; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE MEMORIAL 281

Whereas, Floridians consume approximately 26 million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel daily and approximately 9.5 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel annually, and

Whereas, across party lines, Floridians have long recognized the dependence of the state's tourism and agricultural economy on access to reliable and affordable petroleum products, and

Whereas, many other Florida industries, including fertilizer, agrochemical, plastic, manufacturing, bakeries, juice processing, pulp and paper, road construction, metals, restaurants, and grocery stores, are heavily dependent on access to reliable and affordable petroleum products to transport goods, and

Whereas, Gulf state refineries produce the vast majority of the gasoline and diesel fuel crude oil delivered and consumed in Florida, and

Whereas, the Keystone XL pipeline will be capable of transporting more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil per day to 57 Gulf state refineries, and

Whereas, the crude oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline could replace oil from unstable regions of the world with oil from Canada, a friendly and historically reliable neighbor and our principal source of imported crude oil, and

Whereas, according to the United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, pipelines are one of the safest and most cost-effective means to transport petroleum products, and

Whereas, the Keystone XL pipeline could reduce the large numbers of tankers and barges carrying crude oil through the Straits of Florida and across the Gulf of Mexico, and

Whereas, the Keystone XL pipeline will not encounter the disruptions experienced by tankers and barges delivering crude oil to Gulf state refineries during hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, thus enhancing Florida's energy security during emergencies, and

Whereas, the southern portion of the Keystone XL pipeline has already been approved and construction is proceeding, and

Whereas, according to the United States Department of State, construction of the United States portion of the Keystone XL pipeline is a \$3.3 billion project that will create thousands of American jobs, and

Whereas, the Keystone XL pipeline project has been subject to the most thorough public consultation process of any proposed United States pipeline, and

Whereas, according to the Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement issued by the United States Department of State, multiple environmental impact statements and studies have concluded that the Keystone XL pipeline poses the least impact to the environment and is much safer than other modes of transporting crude oil, and

Whereas, the Keystone XL pipeline project has received bipartisan support in the United States Congress, including a letter to the President signed by 53 Senators urging the President to support the pipeline, and

Whereas, a recent Pew Research Center survey has found that two-thirds of Americans support the Keystone XL pipeline project: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the President of the United States is strongly urged to issue final approval for construction and completion of the Keystone XL pipeline project; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-275. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado urging and requesting members of Congress to increase the federal minimum wage and thereafter tie it to inflation to help ensure that hard-working Americans can earn a fair wage and afford to care for their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14-1012

Whereas, The federal minimum wage was established through the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938", in response to the Great Depression, to ensure that workers earned enough to pay for necessities and minimum monthly expenses; and

Whereas, Since then, the cost of living has steadily increased while the federal minimum wage has generally remained stagnant; and

Whereas, Congress has only raised the minimum wage twice in the past 20 years; and

Whereas, The federal minimum wage, adjusted for inflation, has declined from its peak of \$10.72 in 1968 to \$7.25 today, a 33% decrease in purchasing power; and

Whereas, Under the current minimum wage, it is possible to work full time and still be under the minimum federal poverty line; and

Whereas, It is virtually impossible for a minimum-wage worker to afford a two-bedroom apartment in any state while working a 40-hour week; and

Whereas, Raising the federal minimum wage would decrease American dependency on public assistance programs, such as Section 8 housing vouchers and food stamps, in order to pay for living expenses and raising families; and

Whereas, The majority of those who would benefit from a minimum wage increase are full-time workers who are supporting their families in moderate- to low-income households; and

Whereas, For the vast majority of low-skilled or unskilled workers, the minimum wage should be simply a starting salary that gets them employed and gives them a chance to advance; and

Whereas, Increasing the minimum wage would immediately boost the wages of about 15 million low-income workers; and

Whereas, Raising the federal minimum wage is projected to significantly boost the economy at large by increasing purchasing power of workers, thereby increasing the United States gross domestic product; and

Whereas, In 2006, Colorado voters decisively voted to approve Initiative 42, which raised the state minimum wage and tied it to inflation in order to preserve the purchasing power of Colorado workers and help ensure that they can support themselves and their families; and

Whereas, Colorado raised the minimum wage in 2011 and 2012 over the federal minimum, which contributed to a decrease in the unemployment rate from 8.73% to 7.2% during that two-year period; and

Whereas, Several other states have notably raised their minimum wages during times of high unemployment, including Washington, Oregon, Ohio, and Arizona, and those states all experienced decreases of at least 1.5% in

unemployment during the same two-year period; and

Whereas, Raising the minimum wage not only will stimulate the economy but will also lift millions of Americans out of poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein, That we, the Colorado General Assembly, urge and request members of Congress to increase the federal minimum wage and thereafter tie it to inflation to help ensure that hard-working Americans can earn a fair wage and afford to care for their families; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives and Senate, and the Majority and Minority Whips of the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

POM-276. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois acknowledging the role of optimal infant nutrition during the first year of life and that new mothers require information, guidance, and support to provide the best nutritional start for their babies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 419

Whereas, Scientific research demonstrates that good nutrition beginning in utero and extending throughout the first year of life is critical to the healthy growth and development of infants and that breastfeeding is the best form of infant nutrition by providing certain health benefits for both the mother and child; and

Whereas, The United States Surgeon General and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend babies be exclusively fed with breast milk for the first 6 months of life, and continue on with breast milk through the first year of life; and

Whereas, Healthy People 2020, an initiative that comprises science-based, ten-year national objectives to improve the health of all Americans, administered under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, aims to increase the percentage of women initiating breastfeeding to 81.9% and still continuing to breastfeed when their newborn is 6 months of age to 60.6%; and

Whereas, It is a mother's choice in how she feeds her baby, and the choice is often made based on the best feeding option for her infant given her and her family's life circumstance, including familial, cultural,

and community issues as well as based on barriers to breastfeeding, including returning to work, medical difficulties, and lack of breastfeeding support; and

Whereas, The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other public health organizations do promote breastfeeding goals, and some go beyond this to promote other dietary guidance for feeding an infant under age 2 or identify what a mother should do if she cannot or chooses not to breastfeed, or needs to supplement breastfeeding; and

Whereas, An example of this is provided in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Service publication, "Feeding Your Baby in the first Year", which gives participants in the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) food program a basic overview of the best sources of nutrition for their babies in the first year, starting with breastfeeding, including infant formula if needed, following with the introduction of solid foods; and

Whereas, Infant nutrition research has generated a range of iron-fortified infant formulas (as well as specialized infant formulas for premature babies and for those babies with medical conditions needing sustenance to survive and thrive) that address a critical need in providing a safe and nutritious alternative to breast milk for mothers who are unable to breastfeed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we acknowledge the role of optimal infant nutrition during the first year of life and that new mothers require information, guidance, and support to provide the best nutritional start for their babies; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the scientific research documenting that breastfeeding is the best form of infant nutrition and supports breastfeeding promotion policies; and be it further

Resolved, That we aspire for mothers to make informed choices about how to feed their infants by requiring that mothers receive, prior to and/or after birth, complete and balanced information on all infant nutrition options; and be it further

Resolved, That we call on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to publish and distribute maternal and infant nutrition information approved by the U.S. Surgeon General to mothers prior to and after birth; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge state health departments to facilitate public-private collaboration with families and communities to increase maternal and infant nutrition awareness, particularly in underserved areas, and provide access to nutritional programs for mothers and their children beginning in

utero and throughout their first year of life; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, members of the Illinois Delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives, Illinois Senators Richard J. Durbin and Mark Kirk, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the United States Surgeon General, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other federal and state government officials as appropriate.

POM-277. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the of the State of Illinois encouraging states that provide Medicaid coverage to examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition, as well as examine the benefits of nutrition screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment as part of the standard for evidenced-based hospital care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 418

Whereas, Leading health and nutrition experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of patient health and that good nutrition and good patient health can keep people healthy and out of institutionalized health care facilities, thus reducing healthcare costs; and

Whereas, Inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is not routinely viewed as a medical concern in the U.S., and that malnutrition is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations, such as older adults, hospitalized patients, or minority populations that statistically shoulder the highest incidences of the most severe chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney disease, and cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, Illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; the elderly lose lean body mass more quickly and to a greater extent than younger adults and weight assessment (body weight and body mass index) can overlook accurate indicators of lean body mass; and

Whereas, The American Nursing Association defines therapeutic nutrition as the administration of food and fluids to support the metabolic processes of a patient who is malnourished or at high risk of becoming malnourished; and

Whereas, Access to therapeutic nutrition is critical in restoring lean body mass such that it resolves malnutrition challenges and, in turn, improves clinical outcomes, reduces

health care costs, and can keep people and our communities healthy; and

Whereas, Despite the recognized link between good nutrition and good health, nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatments have not been incorporated as routine medical treatments across the spectrum of health care: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we encourage states that provide Medicaid coverage to examine the benefits of routine nutritional screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment for those who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition, as well as examine the benefits of nutrition screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment as part of the standard for evidenced-based hospital care; and be it further

Resolved, That we support an increased emphasis on nutrition through the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, as well as for Medicare beneficiaries, to improve their disease management and health outcomes; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage preventive and wellness services, such as counseling for obesity and chronic disease management, to be a part of the Essential Health Benefits package included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, members of the Illinois delegation of United States House of Representatives, Illinois Senators Richard J. Durbin and Mark Kirk, and other federal and state government officials as appropriate.

POM-278. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the members of the United States Congress to establish a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs in the United States House of Representatives; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2001

Whereas, it is a troubling fact that, over the past century, numerous American military personnel have been taken prisoner of war by enemy forces or have gone missing in action while in service to their country; and

Whereas, these men and women have diligently served the citizens of the United States through their efforts to provide for the safety, security and well-being of this state and nation. In so doing, they have sacrificed their time, dreams and often their own health or lives to preserve our liberties and freedom; and

Whereas, we owe a special debt of respect and gratitude to those who were captured and yet kept faith, even while being deprived of

their freedom and possibly tortured, and to those whose fate remains unknown by their loved ones; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the United States attempt to determine the fate of members of the American armed forces who were taken prisoner or who went missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Cold War missions, the Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs in the United States House of Representatives would be tasked with conducting a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any American personnel who are unaccounted for from these conflicts, including MIAs and POWs who are missing or were captured.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the Members of the United States Congress establish a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs in the United States House of Representatives.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-279. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of California urging the President of the United States to take executive action to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Whereas, According to the Pew Hispanic Center, in 2011, there were 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants living in the United States; and

Whereas, Deportations have reached record levels under President Obama, rising to an annual average of nearly 400,000 since 2009; and

Whereas, According to Congress Members Raul M. Grijalva and Yvette Clarke, although the Obama Administration reportedly prioritized deporting only criminals, many individuals with no serious criminal history consistently have been deported; and

Whereas, Increased deportations and a continuously broken immigration system exacerbate the living conditions of United States citizen children whose parents have been deported; and

Whereas, Separation of children from their parents, irrespective of immigration status, always results in severe consequences for young children who are left with no parental guidance or care and a highly unstable financial situation; and

Whereas, As immigration continues to be at the center of a national debate, President Obama and Congress must implement a more humanitarian immigration policy that keeps families together; and

Whereas, California is home to approximately 10.3 million immigrants of which approximately 2.6 million are unauthorized to live in the United States; and

Whereas, Many Members of Congress recently signed a letter requesting President Obama to suspend any further deportations; and

Whereas, Since California is home to a large number of unauthorized immigrants from all parts of the world, this state should make it a priority to keep families together and continue to press President Obama and Congress for a solution to our broken federal immigration system: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate urges President Obama to take executive action to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-280. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado urging and requesting members of Congress to update the formula in Section 4 of the federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965", as amended, as quickly as possible to ensure Section 5 of the act can be restored and every citizen's voice is heard and every vote is counted; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14-1009

Whereas, The Colorado General Assembly has always supported the federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965", as amended, and its legacy of protecting American citizens; and

Whereas, The Voting Rights Act was one of the greatest achievements of the Civil Rights Movement and helped to not only allow equal access at the ballot box, but to facilitate advancement in other areas of life for minorities across the country; and

Whereas, Congress passed the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1869, giving black men the right to vote, but attempted and actual barriers to political participation remain consistently introduced in capitols and Congress even today; and

Whereas, In 1964, fewer than seven percent of eligible black citizens were registered to vote in Mississippi and, by the end of 1966, that figure had risen to nearly 60 percent, and

during the same period Alabama voter registration rates climbed from below 20 percent to over 50 percent; and

Whereas, The so-called Jim Crow laws of the South made voter registration and election rules more restrictive, intentionally reducing political participation by minority voters with the use of poll taxes, literacy tests, and record-keeping and identification requirements; and

Whereas, In 1964, only five black citizens held seats in Congress (with none from any Southern state) and a total of 94 black citizens served in all legislatures, and today the Congressional Black Caucus has 43 members while over 600 African Americans hold seats in all legislatures, with another 8,800 being mayors, sheriffs, school board members, and other elected officials; and

Whereas, Forty-seven percent of these public officials live in the seven states originally covered by the Voting Rights Act; and

Whereas, Voter turnout in the South dropped drastically due to segregation-era voting laws, and as a result, by 1910 not a single black voter was registered in 27 of 60 parishes in the state of Louisiana, and black voters were completely eliminated from the rolls in North Carolina from 1896 to 1904; and

Whereas, In a five-to-four decision in June 2013, the United States Supreme Court ruled that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act was unconstitutional, which section sets forth the formula under which states and jurisdictions must seek preclearance from the United States Department of Justice before enacting new voter laws and regulations or making changes to existing laws; and

Whereas, The preclearance provision in Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act relied on the formula contained in Section 4 to protect the voting rights of all citizens; and

Whereas, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in her dissent to the *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder* case, stated, "Just as buildings in California have a greater need to be earthquake-proofed, places where there is greater racial polarization in voting have a greater need for prophylactic measures to prevent purposeful race discrimination."; and

Whereas, Prior to the United States Supreme Court's invalidation of Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, federal district courts in several preclearance states, including Texas, Florida, and Alabama, ruled their proposed voting law changes unconstitutional; and

Whereas, Sufficient data has been established from numerous studies and surveys that could serve as the basis for a new formula, including data found from calculating the overall size of the minority population, voter turnout among all groups, the number of voting discrimination lawsuits as well as number of cases that have been lost

or settled, and the prevalence of racially polarized or biased voting as a factor in voter preferences; and

Whereas, Congress has repeatedly extended the Voting Rights Act, which was first passed in 1965 and then reauthorized for five years in 1970, for seven years in 1975, and for 25 years in 1982, and Congress renewed the act in 2006 for 25 years after holding extensive hearings from which they found persistent racial discrimination at the polls; and

Whereas, When the Voting Rights Act passed in 2006, it enjoyed wide bipartisan support and was signed into law by President George W. Bush: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein, That the Colorado General Assembly urges and requests members of Congress to update the formula in Section 4 of the federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965", as amended, as quickly as possible to ensure Section 5 of the act can be restored and every citizen's voice is heard and every vote is counted; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

POM-281. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing the month of May 2014 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 367

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the upper and lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horn of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, The initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, As ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, Patients with ALS typically remain alert and aware of their loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, ALS affects military veterans at twice the rate of the general population; and

Whereas, ALS occurs in adulthood, most commonly between 40 and 70 years of age, with the peak age of about 55, and affects both men and women without bias; and

Whereas, Annually, more than 5,000 new ALS patients are diagnosed throughout the nation; and

Whereas, In Pennsylvania, there are currently more than 1,000 individuals who have been formally diagnosed with ALS; and

Whereas, The \$350,000 in State funding the General Assembly appropriated for ALS patient care in fiscal year 2013-2014 provided services to more than 900 constituents and provided a substantial savings to the State budget and to taxpayers; and

Whereas, The ALS Association reported in 2009 that on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, prevention or cure; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on patients but on their families as well and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania designate the month of May 2014 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-282. A memorial adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to restore the presumption of a service connection between Agent Orange exposure and subsequent illnesses to United States Vietnam War veterans who served in the waters, which is defined as the combat zone, and in the airspace over the combat; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE MEMORIAL

Whereas, during the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed twenty-two million gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops that the enemy used. These herbicides contained dioxin, which has since been identified as carcinogenic and has been linked with a number of serious and disabling illnesses affecting thousands of veterans; and

Whereas, the United States Congress passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-4: 105 stat 11: 38 United States code

section 1116) that presumptively recognized as service-connected certain diseases among military personnel who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975. This presumption has provided access to appropriate disability compensation and medical care for Vietnam veterans who were diagnosed with illnesses such as type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, prostate cancer, Parkinson's disease, multiple myeloma, peripheral neuropathy, AL amyloidosis, respiratory cancers, soft tissue sarcomas and others yet to be identified; and

Whereas, pursuant to a 2001 directive, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs policy has denied the presumption of a service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam veterans who cannot furnish written documentation that they had "boots on the ground" in-country during their time of service, making it virtually impossible for countless United States Navy, Marine and Air Force veterans to pursue their claims for benefits. Moreover, personnel who served on ships in the "Blue Water Navy" in Vietnamese territorial waters were, in fact, exposed to dangerous airborne toxins, which not only drifted offshore but washed into streams and rivers draining into the South China Sea; and

Whereas, ever since this 2001 directive was implemented, the United States Navy has been excluded from receiving benefits even though Agent Orange has been verified, through various studies and reports, as a wide-spreading chemical that was able to reach Navy ships through the air and waterborne distribution routes; and

Whereas, warships that were positioned off the Vietnamese shore routinely distilled seawater to obtain potable water. A 2002 Australian study found that the distillation process, rather than removing toxins, in fact concentrated dioxin in water that was used for drinking, cooking and washing. This study was conducted by the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs after it found that Vietnam veterans of the Royal Australian Navy had a higher rate of mortality from Agent Orange-associated diseases than did Vietnam veterans from other branches of the military. When the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studied specific cancers among Vietnam veterans, it found a higher risk of cancer among United States Navy veterans; and

Whereas, herbicides containing dioxin did not discriminate between soldiers on the ground and sailors on ships offshore; and

Whereas, more than thirty veterans service organizations support the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013. By not passing H.R. 543, a precedent could be set to selectively provide certain groups with injury-related medical care while denying other groups without any financial, scientific or consistent reasoning; and

Whereas, when the Agent Orange Act passed in 1991 with no dissenting votes, congressional leaders stressed the importance of responding to the health concerns of Vietnam veterans and ending the bitterness and anxiety that had surrounded the issue of herbicide exposure. The federal government has also demonstrated its awareness of the hazards of Agent Orange exposure through its involvement in the identification, containment and mitigation of dioxin "hot spots" in Vietnam; and

Whereas, the United States Congress should reaffirm the nation's commitment to the well-being of all its veterans and direct the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Agent Orange Act under the presumption that herbicide exposure in Vietnam includes the country's inland waterways, offshore waters and airspace, encompassing the entire combat zone.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the United States Congress restore the presumption of a service connection between Agent Orange exposure and subsequent illnesses to United States Vietnam War veterans who served in the waters, which is defined as the combat zone, and in the airspace over the combat zone.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the state of Arizona.

POM-283. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri urging the President of the United States and administration officials to support the increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands, to approve the newly routed TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline, and to support and facilitate permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, high oil prices are having a major detrimental impact on families, farms, and businesses in Missouri and are likely to undercut the prospects for an economic recovery; and

Whereas, the United States currently imports almost half of its oil and petroleum products, making it dependent on foreign sources and subject to interruptions and price fluctuations stemming from geopolitical forces; and

Whereas, such instability has damaging consequences both for our economy and our national security; and

Whereas, the United States Geological Survey estimates a resource of up to 27 billion barrels of oil in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas of Alaska, providing a vast domestic oil reserve, but opposition and regulatory hurdles are keeping energy producers from accessing these resources; and

Whereas, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline project seeks to link expanded oil production from the Canadian oil sands to refineries in the United States and to facilitate the flow of oil from the Dakotas to the Gulf Coast, thereby decreasing our dependence on oil from outside of North America; and

Whereas, Canada is a close friend and ally, with whom we share links of infrastructure and energy networks and other ties, so that dollars spent on Canadian oil will likely contribute to the success of the American economy; and

Whereas, the TransCanada pipeline project is projected to create construction and manufacturing jobs in the United States, adding billions of dollars to the United States economy; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby call upon President Barack Obama and administration officials to:

(1) Support the increased importation of oil from Canadian oil sands and to approve the newly routed TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline to reduce our oil dependency on unstable governments, strengthen ties with an important ally, and create jobs for American workers;

(2) Support and facilitate permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and spur investment in the American economy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry, United States House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2028. A bill to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-205).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Legislative Activities of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation During the 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-206).

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 2564. A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, to stop exploitation through trafficking, and to amend title 18, United States Code, by providing a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 495. A resolution designating July 2014 as "Summer Meals Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs.

MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WALSH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 496. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Alan John Dixon, former United States Senator for the State of Illinois; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise

awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1505

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration.

S. 1599

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1599, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services.

S. 1761

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1761, a bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. HELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and

the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2436

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2436, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that agencies may not deduct labor organization dues from the pay of Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2496, a bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.

S. 2498

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2498, a bill to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law.

S. 2562

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to provide an incentive to businesses to bring jobs back to America.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 18, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMITTEES IN THE PROVISION OF THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE TO NOMINATIONS TO POSITIONS IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

The language of title IV of the bill (S. 1681) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, as amended, having been enacted into law,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, June 11, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 470) amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to clarify the responsibility of committees of the Senate in the provision of the advice and consent of the Senate to nominations to positions in the intelligence community.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 26, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, June 25, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 82, nays... 12

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Leg.]

YEAS --- 82

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 12

Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Cardin, Coburn, Feinstein, Hirono, Markey, Menendez, Murphy, Reed, Warren.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2265

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2265) to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. CORKER objected.

DESIGNATING "SUMMER MEALS AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 495) designating July 2014 as "Summer Meals Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE ALAN JOHN DIXON,
FORMER UNITED STATES
SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF
ILLINOIS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 496) relative to the death of the Honorable Alan John Dixon, former United States Senator for the State of Illinois, submitted today by Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. WALSH, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be

approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the majority control the first 30 minutes therein, and the minority control the second 30 minutes therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.; and that the time during said recess count against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 496, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Alan John Dixon of Illinois, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE
OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO TAKE
ADDITIONAL STEPS WITH RESPECT TO
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO -- PM 48

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") taking additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006 (E.O. 13413).

In E.O. 13413, it was determined that the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability and was addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1596 of April 18, 2005, Resolution 1649 of December 21, 2005, and Resolution 1698 of July 31, 2006, constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. To address that threat, E.O. 13413 blocks the property and interests in property of persons listed in the Annex to E.O. 13413 or determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to meet criteria specified in E.O. 13413.

In view of multiple additional United Nations Security Council Resolutions including, most recently, Resolution 2136 of January 30, 2014, I am issuing the order to take additional steps to deal with the national emergency declared in E.O. 13413, and to address the continuation of activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the surrounding region, including operations by armed groups, widespread violence and atrocities, human rights abuses, recruitment and use of child soldiers, attacks on peacekeepers, obstruction of humanitarian operations, and exploitation of natural resources to finance persons engaged in these activities.

The order amends the designation criteria specified in E.O. 13413. As amended by the order, E.O. 13413 provides for the designation of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

To be a political or military leader of a foreign armed group operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that impedes the disarmament, demobilization, voluntary repatriation, resettlement, or reintegration of combatants;

To be a political or military leader of a Congolese armed group that impedes the disarmament, demobilization, voluntary repatriation, resettlement, or reintegration of combatants;

To be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, directly or indirectly, any of the following in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo:

actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

the targeting of women, children, or any civilians through the commission of acts of violence (including killing, maiming, torture, or rape or other sexual violence), abduction, forced displacement, or attacks on schools, hospitals, religious sites, or locations where civilians are seeking refuge, or through conduct that would constitute a serious abuse or violation of human rights or a violation of international humanitarian law;

the use or recruitment of children by armed groups or armed forces in the context of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

the obstruction of the delivery or distribution of, or access to, humanitarian assistance;

attacks against United Nations missions, international security presences, or other peacekeeping operations; or

support to persons, including armed groups, involved in activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Democratic Republic of the Congo or that undermine democratic processes or institutions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through the illicit trade in natural resources of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Except where intended for the authorized support of humanitarian activities or the authorized use by or support of peacekeeping, international, or government forces, to have directly or indirectly supplied, sold, or transferred to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or been the recipient in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of, arms and related materiel, including military aircraft and equipment, or advice, training, or assistance, including financing and financial assistance, related to military activities;

To be a leader of (i) an entity, including any armed group, that has, or whose members have, engaged in any of the activities described above or (ii) an entity

whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13413;

To have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of (i) any of the activities described above or (ii) any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13413; or

To be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13413.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA and the United Nations Participation Act as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 8, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6317. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2014 Amendment)" (Docket No. AMS-CN-13-0100), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6318. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Investment Eligibility" (RIN3052-AC84), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6319. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6320. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6321. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions in the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6322. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of 'Security-Based Swap Dealer' and 'Major Security-Based Swap Participant' Definitions to Cross-Border Security-Based Swap Activities" (RIN3235-AL25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6323. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6324. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6325. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 541), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6326. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6327. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6328. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency

Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6329. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation for 2013"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6330. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capital Planning and Stress Testing" (RIN3133-AE27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6331. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Central African Republic Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 553), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6332. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "South Sudan Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 558), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6333. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Removal of Person from the Entity List Based on Removal Request" (RIN0694-AG19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6334. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments To Reflect Change of Office Name From Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control to Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes" (RIN2501-AD70), received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6335. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Securities Act Regulations; Replacement of References to Credit Ratings and Technical Amendments" (RIN1535-AA02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6336. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "High-Performance Green Building Initiative Activities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6337. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Response to Findings and Recommendations of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) during Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6338. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9910-99-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6339. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Indiana PM2.5 NSR" (FRL No. 9912-85-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6340. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9911-91-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6341. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Administrative Wage Garnishment" (FRL No. 9910-14-OCFO), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6342. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9911-05)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6343. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to extending the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from Cambodia from the Bronze Age Through the Khmer Era; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6344. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) non-medical redeterminations for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6345. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Participation of a Person Described in Section 6103(n) in a Summons Interview Under Section 7602(a)-(2) of the Internal Revenue Code" ((RIN1545-BM25)(TD 9669)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6346. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - July 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-20), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6347. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disregarded Entities; Religious and Family Member FICA and FUTA Exceptions; Indoor Tanning Services Excise Tax" ((RIN1545-BJ06; RIN1545-BK38)(TD 9670)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6348. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Credit for Employee Health Insurance Expenses of Small Employers" ((RIN1545-BL55)(TD 9672)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6349. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period Limitation" ((RIN1545-BL97)(TD 9671)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6350. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Filing Season Program" (Rev. Proc. 2014-42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6351. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0079 - 2014-0083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6352. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research - Rehabilitation Engineering Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6353. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drug Applications; Confidentiality of Data and Information in a New Animal Drug Application File; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0108), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6354. A communication from the Acting Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council's 2014 annual status report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6355. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-365, "Air Quality Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6356. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-366, "Southwest Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6357. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-367, "Workers' Compensation Statute of Limitations Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6358. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's final inventory list for 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6359. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6360. A communication from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6361. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6362. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on

Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-5.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6363. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6364. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6365. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2014 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 2nd Quarter of the Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6366. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Tramadol into Schedule IV" (Docket No. DEA-351), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6367. A communication from the Director of National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 Report on Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6368. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference; North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria; Hazardous Materials Safety Permits" (RIN2126-AB73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6369. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the

Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Reports by Air Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport" (RIN2105-AE07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6370. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel: Accessibility of Web Sites and Automated Kiosks at U.S. Airports" (RIN2105-AD96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6371. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel; Accessibility of Aircraft and Stowage of Wheelchairs" (RIN2105-AD87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6372. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reapportionment of Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limit in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD347), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6373. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-XD331), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6374. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern

Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD337), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6375. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; 2014 Atlantic Bluefish Specifications" (RIN0648-XD139), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6376. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Regional Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BC90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6377. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XD238), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6378. A communication from the Chief of the Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment Parts 1, 21, 73, 74, and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Provision of Fixed and Mobile Broadband Access, Educational and Other Advanced Services in the 2150-2162 and 2500-2690 MHz Bands" ((WT Docket No. 03-66)(FCC 14-76)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6379. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-AC13)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0410)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6380. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dry Cargo Residue Discharges in the Great Lakes" ((RIN1625-AA89)-(Docket No. USCG-2004-19621)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6381. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Inland Navigation Rules" ((RIN1625-AB88)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0102)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6382. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Isle of Wight (Sinepuxent) Bay, Ocean City, MD" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1021)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6383. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hackensack River, Jersey City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1005)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2565. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the dependent care tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2566. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in and around historic mining townsites located in

the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2567. A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2568. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance

By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2569. A bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; read the first time.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, a bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law

enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 738

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

S. 945

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 945, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a

gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1442

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings.

S. 1476

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1476, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1878

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1878, a bill to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2187

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2187, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, a bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2235, a bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs.

GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2483

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2483, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2520

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2520, a bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

S. 2532

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2532, a bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits.

S. 2535

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2535, a bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes.

S. 2548

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2548, a bill to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to take certain emergency action

to eliminate excessive speculation in energy markets.

S. 2552

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2552, a bill to enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of Regulation in Shaping Equity Market Structure and Electronic Trading."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on July 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Falling Through the Cracks: The Challenges of Prevention and Identification in Child Trafficking and Private Re-homing."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to hold an East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Combating Forced Labor and Modern-Day Slavery in East Asia and the Pacific."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a European Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Renewed Focus on European Energy Security."

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on each nomination; that, upon conclusion

thereof, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

RECOGNIZING THE THREATS TO
FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND
EXPRESSION AROUND THE WORLD
AND REAFFIRMING FREEDOM OF
THE PRESS AS A PRIORITY IN THE
EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 447) recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America, introduced today by Mr. WALSH (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. DONNELLY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. DONNELLY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That, upon resumption of its legislative session, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2363; that time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed thereto.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DONNELLY,

At 6:03 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 9, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America, introduced on yesterday by Mr. WALSH (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SCHUMER), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

2014 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY -- PM 49

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 2014 *National Drug Control Strategy*, a 21st century approach to drug policy that is built on decades of research demonstrating that addiction is a disease of the brain—one that can be prevented, treated, and from which people can recover. The pages that follow lay out an evidence-based plan for real drug policy reform, spanning the spectrum of effective prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, criminal justice, law enforcement, and international cooperation.

Illicit drug use and its consequences challenge our shared dream of building for our children a country that is healthier, safer, and more prosperous. Illicit drug use is associated with addiction, disease, and lower academic performance among our young people. It contributes to crime, injury, and serious dangers on the Nation's roadways. And drug use and its consequences jeopardize the progress we have made in strengthening our economy—contributing to unemployment, impeding re-employment, and costing our economy billions of dollars in lost productivity.

These facts, combined with the latest research about addiction as a disease of the brain, helped shape the approach laid out in my Administration's first *National Drug Control Strategy*—and they continue to guide our efforts to reform drug policy in a way that is more efficient, effective, and equitable. Through the Affordable Care Act, millions of Americans will be able to obtain health insurance, including coverage for substance use disorder treatment services. We have worked to reform our criminal justice system, addressing unfair sentencing disparities, providing alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent, substance-involved offenders, and improving prevention and re-entry programs to protect public safety and improve outcomes for people returning to communities from prisons and jails. And we have built stronger partnerships with our international allies, working with them in a global effort against drug trafficking and transnational organized crime, while also assisting them in their

efforts to address substance use disorders and related public health problems.

This progress gives us good reason to move forward with confidence. However, we cannot effectively build on this progress without collaboration across all sectors of our society. I look forward to joining with community coalitions, faith-based groups, tribal communities, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, state and local governments, and our international partners to continue this important work in 2014. And I thank the Congress for its continued support of our efforts to build a healthier, safer, and more prosperous country.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 9, 2014.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-284. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that would limit the influence of money in the electoral process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, it was the stated intention of the framers of the Constitution of the United States of America that the Congress of the United States of America should be "dependent on the people alone" (James Madison or Alexander Hamilton, Federalist 52), and

Whereas, that dependency has evolved from a dependency on the people alone to a dependency on those who spend excessively in elections through campaigns or third-party groups, and

Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 130 S.Ct. 876 (2010), removed restrictions on amounts of independent political spending, and

Whereas, the removal of those restrictions has resulted in the corrupting influence of powerful economic forces, which have supplanted the will of the people by undermining our ability to choose our political leadership, write our own laws, and determine the fate of our State, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont believes that a convention called pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution should be convened to consider amendments to that Constitution to limit the corrupting influence of money in our political system and desires that said convention should be so limited, and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has failed to propose, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution, amendments that would adequately address the concerns of Vermont: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the General Assembly, pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, hereby petitions the U.S. Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America that would limit the corrupting influence of money in our electoral process, including, inter alia, by overturning the *Citizens United* decision, and be it further

Resolved, That this petition shall not be considered by the U.S. Congress until 33 other states submit petitions for the same purpose as proposed by Vermont in this resolution and unless the Congress determines that the scope of amendments to the Constitution of the United States considered by the convention shall be limited to the same purpose requested by Vermont, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States; the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the Senate of the United States; the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States; the Archivist of the United States; and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

POM-285. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution related to fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limiting the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 736

Whereas, the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Georgia, That the General Assembly of the State of Georgia hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That this application shall be deemed an application for a convention to address each or all of the subjects herein stated. For the purposes of determining whether two-thirds of the states have applied for a convention addressing any of the subjects stated herein, this application is to be aggregated with the applications of any other state legislatures for the single subjects of balancing the federal budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, or limiting the terms of federal officials; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to transmit copies to the members of the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives from this state, and to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

POM-286. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution, which impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE MEMORIAL 476

Whereas, the Founders of the United States of America provided in the Constitution of the United States for a limited Federal Government of express enumerated powers, and

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution specifically provides that all powers not delegated to the Federal Government nor prohibited by the Constitution to the states are reserved to the states, respectively, or to the people, and

Whereas, for many decades, this balance of power was generally respected and followed by those occupying positions of authority in the Federal Government, and

Whereas, as federal power has expanded over the past decades, federal spending has exponentially increased to the extent that it is now decidedly out of balance in relation to actual revenues or when comparing the ratio of accumulated public debt to the nation's gross domestic product, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Federal Government's accumulated public debt exceeded \$17 trillion, which is more than double that in 2006, and

Whereas, projections of federal deficit spending in the coming decades demonstrate that this power shift and its fiscal impacts are continuing and pose serious threats to the freedom and financial security of the American people and future generations, and

Whereas, the Founders of the United States of America provided a procedure in Article V of the Constitution to amend the Constitution on application of two-thirds of the several states, calling a convention for proposing amendments that will be valid to all intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress, and

Whereas, it is a fundamental duty of state legislatures to support, protect, and defend the liberty of the American people, including generations yet to come, by asserting their solemn duty and responsibility under the Constitution to call for a convention under Article V for proposing amendments to the Constitution to reverse and correct the ominous path that the country is now on and to restrain future expansions and abuses of federal power: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida does hereby make application to Congress pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States to call an Article V convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States which:

(a) Impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government.

(b) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

(c) Limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

(2) That these three proposed amendment categories are severable from one another and may be counted individually toward the required two-thirds number of applications made by the state legislatures for the calling of an Article V convention.

(3) That this memorial is revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States for any purpose other than imposing fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government, or limiting the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

(4) That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on one or more of the three proposed amendment categories listed above.

Be it further resolved That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-287. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia making renewed application to the United States Congress calling a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of proposing a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 371

Whereas, in 1976, by House Resolution 469-1267, Resolution Act No. 93 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 184), the Georgia General Assembly applied to the Congress to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with respect thereto; and

Whereas, in 2004, by House Resolution No. 1343, Act No. 802 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 1081), the Georgia General Assembly rescinded and repealed all prior applications for constitutional conventions, including but not limited to said 1976 application; and

Whereas, the need for such a balanced budget amendment remains and has become

far more apparent and urgent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Georgia, That this body hereby applies again to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States and recommends that the convention be limited to consideration and proposal of an amendment requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Georgia congressional delegation and to transmit appropriate copies also to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses of the several states, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently-outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and this application should be aggregated with same for the purpose of aggregating the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but should not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and be it further

Resolved, That this application shall constitute a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until:

(1) The legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject and Congress has called for a convention for proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

(2) The Congress of the United States has in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States proposed an amendment to said Constitution which is consistent with the balanced budget amendment referenced in this application; or

(3) January 1, 2020, whichever first occurs.

POM-288. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the

United States Constitution which requires a balanced federal budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE MEMORIAL 658

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 on April 21, 2010, and

Whereas, Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 made application to Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States for two purposes: to achieve and maintain a balanced federal budget and to control the ability of Congress and federal executive agencies to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal funds, and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida desires to conform to the single subject applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas and limit its application to Congress for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida hereby applies to Congress, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

(2) That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states and is to be aggregated with the applications from those states for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds number of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with applications on any other subject calling for a constitutional convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.

(3) That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject and supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United

States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-289. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that every law enacted by Congress shall embrace only one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE MEMORIAL 261

Whereas, each measure before a legislative body should pass on its own merits without depending on legislative support for other unrelated measures to achieve the required number of votes for passage, and

Whereas, a single-subject constitutional provision addresses this concern by prohibiting a legislative body from enacting a law that embraces more than one subject, and

Whereas, 41 of the 50 states, including Florida, have a single-subject provision in their respective state constitutions, and the legislatures and citizens of these states have benefited from a single-subject requirement, and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the United States of America, touching the lives of every citizen in the several states, but is missing this important provision, and

Whereas, our great country is deep in debt and Congress is currently searching for a solution, and

Whereas, a federal single-subject amendment would provide the means to limit pork barrel spending, control the phenomenon of legislating through riders, limit omnibus legislation produced by logrolling, prevent public surprise, and increase the institutional accountability of Congress and its members, and

Whereas, it is Florida's hope and desire that Congress will be able to conduct its business in a more productive, efficient, transparent, and less acrimonious way with a single-subject requirement, and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States makes provision for amending the Constitution on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, calling a convention for proposing amendments that shall be valid to all intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all due respect, does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Congress shall pass no bill, and no bill shall become law, which embraces more than one subject, that subject to be clearly expressed in the bill's title.

(2) That this memorial is revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and be retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States for any purpose other than requiring that every law enacted by Congress embrace only one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in the title.

(3) That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-290. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida urging the Congress of the United States to direct the United States Environmental Protection Agency in developing guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil-fueled electric generating units; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE MEMORIAL 1174

Whereas, a reliable and affordable energy supply is vital to Florida's economy and job growth, as well as the overall interests of its citizens, and

Whereas, Florida supports an all-inclusive energy strategy because it is in the best interest of the state and the nation, and

Whereas, the United States has an abundant supply of coal that provides economic and energy security benefits, including affordable and reliable electricity, and

Whereas, carbon regulations for existing coal-fueled electric generating units could threaten the affordability and reliability of Florida's electricity supplies, and

Whereas, such regulations impose additional financial burdens on electric

generating units that have invested in pollution controls to meet the recent mercury regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and

Whereas, such burdens risk the closure of electric generating units resulting in substantial job loss, and

Whereas, carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fueled electric generating units in the United States represent only 3 percent of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and

Whereas, the United States Energy Information Administration projects that carbon dioxide emissions from the nation's electric sector will be 14 percent below 2005 levels in 2020, and

Whereas, the United States Energy Information Administration projects that carbon dioxide emissions from the nation's coal-fueled electric generating units will be 19 percent below 2005 levels in 2020, and

Whereas, on June 25, 2013, the President of the United States directed the United States Environmental Protection Agency to issue standards, regulations, and guidelines to address carbon dioxide emissions from new, existing, modified, and reconstructed fossil-fueled electric generating units, and

Whereas, the President of the United States has recognized that states will play a central role in establishing and implementing carbon standards for existing electric generating units, and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act requires the United States Environmental Protection Agency to establish a procedure under which each state must develop a plan for establishing and implementing standards of performance for existing fossil-fueled electric generating units within the state, and

Whereas, the Clean Air Act expressly allows states, in developing and applying such standards of performance, to take into consideration, among other factors, the remaining useful life of an existing fossil-fueled electric generating unit to which such standards apply, and

Whereas, the existing regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency provide that states may adopt less stringent emissions standards or longer compliance schedules than the agency's guidelines based on factors such as unreasonable cost of control, physical impossibility of installing necessary control equipment, or other factors that make less stringent standards or longer compliance times significantly more reasonable, and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of electricity consumers in Florida to continue to benefit from reliable, affordable electricity provided by coal-based electric generating units: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: That the Congress of the United States is urged to direct the United States

Environmental Protection Agency, in developing guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil-fueled electric generating units, to:

(1) Respect the primacy of Florida and rely on state regulators to develop performance standards for carbon dioxide emissions which take into account the unique policies, energy needs, resource mix, and economic priorities of the state.

(2) Issue guidelines and approve state-established performance standards that are based on reductions of carbon dioxide emissions determined to be achievable by measures undertaken at fossil-fueled electric generating units.

(3) Allow Florida to set less stringent performance standards or longer compliance schedules for fossil-fueled electric generating units.

(4) Give Florida maximum flexibility to implement carbon dioxide performance standards for fossil-fueled electric generating units; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-291. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Colorado urging the United States Congress to pass comprehensive federal legislation authorizing banks and credit unions to serve legal marijuana and hemp businesses; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14-003

Whereas, All one hundred members of the Colorado General Assembly took an oath to uphold the United States constitution and the Colorado constitution; and

Whereas, Colorado voters recently approved Amendment 64, a constitutional amendment to legalize the sale and consumption of recreational marijuana in Colorado, with 55.23 percent of the vote, or approximately 1.38 million votes, in favor of legalization; and

Whereas, Hemp has long been recognized for its varied industrial uses, was sold and used commercially in the earliest days of our country's history, and was recognized as a valuable cash crop by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin; and

Whereas, Federal laws, including the "Controlled Substances Act", the "Bank Secrecy Act", and the "Annunzio-Wylie Anti-Money Laundering Act", prohibit banks

from providing financial services to marijuana and hemp businesses; and

Whereas, Directives from federal regulatory agencies such as the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency also prohibit bankers from accepting deposits from marijuana or hemp businesses; and

Whereas, The "USA PATRIOT Act" directs financial institutions to establish Enhanced Due Diligence policies, procedures, and controls where necessary to detect and report instances of suspected money laundering, which has led to the adoption of Know Your Customer procedures; and

Whereas, Know Your Customer procedures require banks and credit unions to verify the identity of their customers and determine that the source of their funds is legitimate by obtaining information about the nature of an account holder's business, customers, and sources of funds; and

Whereas, Banks and credit unions that comply with the Know Your Customer rules will be required by anti-money laundering laws and regulations to file recurring suspicious activity reports documenting the financial activities of a legal marijuana business, including filing a currency transaction report each time a marijuana business makes a deposit of more than \$10,000 and reporting cash that smells like marijuana; and

Whereas, Marijuana remains classified as a schedule I controlled substance at the federal level, the strictest classification under the "Controlled Substances Act", and the production of industrial hemp remains highly restricted at the federal level; and

Whereas, The United States attorney general recently announced guidance for financial institutions that wish to provide banking services to legal marijuana businesses in what has become known as the Cole Memo; and

Whereas, This guidance greatly adds to the reporting and compliance requirements already demanded of banks and credit unions, including ensuring that the marijuana businesses to which they provide services do not sell to minors, transfer marijuana to a state where its sale is illegal, involve themselves with organized crime, sell illegal drugs, encourage the use of marijuana on federal property, or encourage drugged driving; and

Whereas, The United States Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN, in coordination with the United States Department of Justice, also issued a memo outlining expectations for compliance with the "Bank Secrecy Act", including verifying the legitimacy of a marijuana business's license and registration,

developing an understanding of the norm for marijuana business transactions and monitoring each business for deviation from the norm, monitoring publicly available sources for adverse information on the business and any related parties, and monitoring for suspicious activity on an ongoing basis; and

Whereas, In April 2014, United States Senators Chuck Grassley and Dianne Feinstein sent a letter to the director of FinCEN, questioning FinCEN's legal authority to provide banks guidance on violations of federal law and noting the possibility that a financial institution might complete a suspicious activity report regarding a marijuana business customer, and then that specific report could be used against the financial institution as evidence of the institution being complicit in the act of money laundering; and

Whereas, Financial institutions face a significant challenge in verifying that a marijuana business is in compliance with all of the guidelines issued by the Department of Justice and FinCEN and face uncertainty about whether they would be reasonably protected from prosecution or actions by regulatory agencies, now or in the future, on the basis of guidance in non-binding memoranda; and

Whereas, The above-mentioned guidance is a directive to federal prosecutors to avoid prosecuting financial institutions that comply with the Cole Memo and FinCEN guidance but does not limit punitive actions from federal regulatory agencies, including several that operate outside of the executive branch, such as the FDIC and the Federal Reserve, whose regulatory actions could be just as damaging to a financial institution's operations as prosecution; and

Whereas, The guidance is not enforceable in court, provides neither a safe harbor from prosecution nor legal defense in court, and can only be considered temporary, short-lived guidance as it could be reversed by a future administration; and

Whereas, The guidance from the United States Department of Justice cannot override federal laws or regulations, which still characterize acceptance of a deposit from a marijuana business as money laundering; and

Whereas, Neither the United States Department of Justice guidance nor the FinCEN memo provide adequate regulatory and legal certainty for financial institutions to provide banking services to the legal marijuana industry; and

Whereas, Under federal law, banks and credit unions that conduct business with legal marijuana businesses will still be in violation of the "Bank Secrecy Act", the "Annunzio-Wylie Anti-Money Laundering Act", and the "USA PATRIOT Act", and any bank or credit union that chooses to serve marijuana

businesses effectively puts its regulatory status at risk; and

Whereas, Colorado and Washington have already legalized retail marijuana shops, and several other states will be considering full legalization at the ballot in the 2014 elections; and

Whereas, Twenty states have already legalized the sale and consumption of medical marijuana for limited medical uses; and

Whereas, The medical, retail, and hemp agricultural businesses that are legally permitted to operate under state laws in dozens of states are forced to operate as all-cash businesses, including paying for capital investments such as hydration and lighting equipment in cash, compensating employees in cash, and renting or purchasing warehouses and other real estate with large down payments in cash; and

Whereas, The medical, retail, and hemp agricultural businesses can accept neither credit nor debit cards from customers because electronic payments are handled through the banking system; and

Whereas, Both the state of Colorado and its local municipalities use bank accounts to audit sales tax collections, and a lack of accounting information that is typically available for such audits could mean that Colorado governments are under-collecting tax revenue; and

Whereas, The storage and transfer of large amounts of cash necessary for the legal operation of marijuana businesses has already made these businesses a target for crime and could attract the involvement of organized criminal enterprises; and

Whereas, Colorado is unable to address this problem by chartering a state bank or credit union because all financial institutions are interconnected through federal banking laws and regulations that govern national and international commerce: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

(1) That the ability of the federal executive branch to facilitate a reasonable regulatory structure for the marijuana industry is limited as long as federal law categorizes marijuana as an illegal substance.

(2) That the best solution to the problem of a lack of financial services for the legal marijuana industry will be comprehensive federal legislation authorizing banks and credit unions to serve legal marijuana and hemp businesses; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to all members of the Colorado delegation to the United States Congress, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate majority leader, the United States Senate majority leader pro tempore, and the president of the United States.

POM-292. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1261

Whereas, insurance helps protect the United States economy from the adverse effects of the risks inherent in economic and development while also providing the resources necessary to rebuild physical and economic infrastructure, offer indemnification for business disruption, and provide coverage for medical and liability costs from injuries and loss of life in the event of catastrophic losses to persons or property; and

Whereas, the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, produced insured losses larger than any natural or manmade event in history, with claims paid by insurers to their policy holders eventually totaling some \$32.5 billion, making this the second most costly insurance event in United States history; and

Whereas, the sheer enormity of the loss, combined with the possibility of future attacks, produced financial shockwaves that shook insurance markets causing insurers and reinsurers to exclude coverage arising from acts of terrorism from virtually all commercial property and liability policies; and

Whereas, the lack of terrorism risk insurance contributed to a paralysis in the economy, especially in construction, tourism, business travel, and real estate finance; and

Whereas, the United States Congress originally passed the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-297 (TRIA), in which the federal government agreed to provide terrorism reinsurance to insurers and reauthorized this arrangement via the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-144, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-160 (TRIPRA); and

Whereas, under TRIPRA the federal government provides such reinsurance after industry-wide losses attributable to annual certified terrorism events exceed \$100 million; and

Whereas, coverage under TRIPRA is provided to individual insurers after the insurer has incurred losses related to terrorism equal to 20% of the insurer's previous year earned premium for property-casualty lines; and

Whereas, after an individual insurer has reached such a threshold, the insurer pays 15% of residual losses and the federal government pay the remaining 85%; and

Whereas, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program has an annual cap of \$100 billion of aggregate insured losses, beyond which the federal program does not provide coverage; and

Whereas, TRIPRA requires the federal government to recoup 100% of the benefits provided under the program via policyholder surcharges to the extent the aggregate insured losses are less than \$27.5 billion and enables the government to recoup expenditures beyond that mandatory recoupment amount; and

Whereas, without question, TRIA and its successors are the principal reason for the continued stability in the insurance and reinsurance market for terrorism insurance to the benefit of our overall economy; and

Whereas, the presence of a robust private-public partnership has provided stability and predictability and has allowed insurers to actively participate in the market in a meaningful way; and

Whereas, without a program such as TRIPRA, many of our citizens who want and need terrorism coverage to operate their businesses all across the nation would be either unable to get insurance or unable to afford the limited coverage that would be available; and

Whereas, without federally provided reinsurance, property and casualty insurers will face less availability of terrorism reinsurance and will therefore be severely restricted in their ability to provide sufficient coverage for acts of terrorism to support our economy; and

Whereas, unfortunately, despite the hard work and dedication of this nation's counterterrorism agencies and the bravery of the men and women in uniform who fought and continue to fight battles abroad to keep us safe here at home, the threat from terrorist attacks in the United States is both real and substantial and will remain as such for the foreseeable future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program.

Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representative, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation, and the news media of North Carolina.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

POM-293. A substitute concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri memorializing the need to

preserve natural resources and provide recreational development and other improvements for the public use; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, in 1959, Senate Resolution No. 33 and House Resolution No. 19, recognizing the importance of the extraordinary manifestations of nature and recreational attributes of the Current and Jacks Fork Riverways, requested Congress to enact legislation to preserve the natural resources and provide recreational development and other improvements for the public use; and

Whereas, in 1964, Congress answered Missouri's request by enacting legislation to establish the Ozark National Scenic Riverways; and

Whereas, the riverways within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways are, and remain, public highways of the State of Missouri, subject to concurrent jurisdiction between the State of Missouri and the United States under Missouri Senate Bill No. .362 enacted in 1971; and

Whereas, in 2005, the National Park Service began researching for the purpose of drafting a new general management plan for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways; and

Whereas, the National Park Service is advocating the "Preferred Alternative" option of the general management plan; and

Whereas, the goal of the "Preferred Alternative" option of the general management plan is to shut down public access points to riverways, eliminate motorized boat traffic from certain areas, further restrict boat motor horsepower in other areas, close several gravel bars, and propose that additional areas be designated as federal wilderness; and

Whereas, the "No-Action Alternative" option of the general management plan is an appropriate balance between resource preservation and opportunities for recreational use; and

Whereas, the general management plan will guide decisions related to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways for the next 15 to 20 years; and

Whereas, tourism is one of the most critical components of our rural economy; and

Whereas, thousands of hikers, campers, boaters, hunters, fishermen, and horseback riders visit these areas annually generating irreplaceable tax revenue; and

Whereas, any further limitations on the access to these riverways would severely impact this local economy;

Whereas, the Missouri Conservation Commission is charged with the control, management, restoration, conservation, and regulation of bird, fish, game, forestry, and all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, reservations,

and all other property owned, acquired, or used for such purposes; and

Whereas, in September of 2009, the Missouri Department of Conservation recommended that "hunting, fishing, and trapping continue to be allowed through the Ozark National Scenic Riverways except in highly developed areas where a reasonable safety zone for public protection may be required: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service to pursue one of the following three options in regard to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways:

1. Choose the "No-Action Alternative" option of the general management plan;

2. Enter into negotiations with the State of Missouri, Department of Conservation for the return of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways to the State of Missouri so that the land will continue to be used for its original and intended purpose; or

3. Enter into a contract with the State of Missouri, Department of Conservation for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways; and be it further

Resolved That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation, the Director of the National Park Service, the Superintendent of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, the Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation, and Governor Jay Nixon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1376. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building".

H.R. 1813. To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building".

S. 2056. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York,

as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office".

S. 2057. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2570. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2571. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2572. A bill to ban the use of bisphenol A in food containers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2573. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase, expand, and extend the credit for hydrogen-related alternative fuel vehicle refueling property and to increase the investment credit for more efficient fuel cells; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2574. A bill to make the United States Preventive Services Task Force subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 2575. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a report on the status of greater sage-grouse conservation efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2576. A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2577. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to

\$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WALSH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2578. A bill to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions; read the first time.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2579. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 497. A resolution honoring the life and career of Charles "Chuck" Noll; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 236

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and physicians or practitioners to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items

and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 1261

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce,

or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 2023

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2023, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran

with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2360

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2360, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 2500

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2500, a bill to restrict the ability of the Federal Government to undermine privacy and encryption technology in commercial products and in NIST computer security and encryption standards.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2501, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 482

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 482, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest Van Ness Street, Northwest International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as "Liu Xiaobo Plaza".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEVIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2014, at 2:20 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Promoting the Well-Being and Academic Success of College Athletes."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Russia and Developments in Ukraine."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Challenges at the Border: Examining the

Causes, Consequences, and the Response to the Rise in Apprehensions at the Southern Border.”

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 9, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1528. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

H.R. 3488. An act to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4007. An act to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

H.R. 4263. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4289. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4653. An act to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3488. An act to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4007. An act to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4263. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4289. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4653. An act to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1528. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 12 noon having passed, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2363

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 2363.

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded; and

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. MARK UDALL (for himself and Mr. RISCH) to amend the pending bill on page 14, line 25 by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3469).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment on line 1, by striking the word “the” (being amendment No. 3490).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3491).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3491) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking “3 days,” and inserting “4 days” (being amendment No. 3492).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking “4 days,” and inserting “5 days” (being amendment No. 3493).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2363:

HARRY REID, KAY R. HAGAN, PATRICK J. LEAHY, TIM KAINE, ANGUS S. KING, JR., TOM CARPER, BILL NELSON, JON TESTER, PATTY MURRAY, CLAIRE McCASKILL, MARK BEGICH, S. WHITEHOUSE, MARTIN HEINRICH, DEBBIE STABENOW, T.R. HARKIN, TOM UDALL, JOE DONNELLY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3493 to amendment No. 3492 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3491) contained in the pending motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2244

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2244) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Kuwait, and Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Qatar; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate on the Donovan nomination; that, upon conclusion of debate on said nomination, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the votes on the Silliman and Smith nominations; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the aforementioned order.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate is agreed to, time for debate on its nomination, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be concluded at 3 p.m. on Tuesday next; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

BLACK HILLS CEMETERY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 291) to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HILL CREEK CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 356) to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS ON CALENDAR EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider, en bloc, the following bills on the calendar:

S. 247. A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes, with an amendment;

S. 311. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, with an amendment;

S. 354. A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 363. A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes, without amendment;

S. 476. A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, with an amendment (in the nature of a substitute);

S. 609. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes, with amendments;

H.R. 255. A bill to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes, without amendment;

H.R. 330. A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, without amendment;

H.R. 507. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes, without amendment;

H.R. 697. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes, without amendment;

H.R. 876. A bill to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes, without amendment;

H.R. 1158. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, without amendment;

H.R. 2337. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado, without amendment;

H.R. 3110. A bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, without amendment;

The reported amendments were agreed to, en bloc.

The amendment (No. 3528) to bill S. 311 was considered proposed and agreed to.

The bills, as thus amended, were read the third time, en bloc.

Resolved, That the bills, as amended, en bloc, do pass.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bills, as amended, en bloc, was

deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "GENERAL WILLIAM H. GOURLEY FEDERAL OUTPATIENT CLINIC: A JOINT VA-DOD HEALTH CARE FACILITY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 272) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the "General William H. Gourley Federal Outpatient Clinic: A Joint VA-DOD Health Care Facility," received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "DR. CAMERON MCKINLEY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1216) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM WORKERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 417)

designating October 30, 2014, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF CHARLES "CHUCK" NOLL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 497) honoring the life and career of Charles "Chuck" Noll, submitted today by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2578) to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions, introduced today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. MARK UDALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. WALSH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LEAHY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2579) to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to “file” first-degree amendments to bill S. 2363 until 10:30 a.m. on tomorrow; and that Senators be authorized to “file” second-degree amendments thereto until 11:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:46 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 10, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2244

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2244) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL S. 2363

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 11:45 a.m. on today, the Senate resume consideration of the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill; and that, following the vote, notwithstanding the provisions of rule

XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2578) to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. MARK UDALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. WALSH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. LEAHY), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2579) to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CRUZ, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6384. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Inventory of Contracts for Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6385. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard T. Tryon, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6386. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Required Fees for Mining Claims or Sites" (RIN1004-AE35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6387. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-015); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6388. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-026); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6389. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-058); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6390. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-030); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6391. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-057); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6392. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6393. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6394. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-049); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6395. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current and future military strategy of Iran (OSS-2014-0967); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6396. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0964); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6397. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0965); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6398. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revoking the designation of a group designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (OSS-2014-0968); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6399. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0966); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6400. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Nanticoke River; Bivalve, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0138)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6401. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Annual Swim around Key West, Atlantic

Ocean and Gulf of Mexico; Key West, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0073)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6402. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Exprop Services Fireworks Display, Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, NV" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0402)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6403. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lady Liberty Sharkfest Swim; Upper New York Bay, Liberty Island, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0117)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6404. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Hudson River Swim for Life; Hudson River, Sleepy Hollow, New York" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0363)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6405. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Hawaiian Island Commercial Harbors, HI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0021)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6406. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; TriRock San Diego, San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0555)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6407. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fairfield Estates Fireworks Display, Atlantic Ocean, Sagaponack, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0212)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6408. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Schuylkill River; Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0342)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6409. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annually Recurring Events in Coast Guard Southeastern New England Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0061)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6410. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Tennessee River, Mile 464.0 to 465.0, Chattanooga, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0323)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6411. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Arts Project Cherry Grove Pride Week Fireworks Display; Great South Bay; Cherry Grove, Fire Island, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0180)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6412. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Texas City Channel, Texas City, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6413. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; July 4th Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Zone, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0165)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6414. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tennessee River mile 4.8 to 5.8; Ledbetter, KY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0301)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6415. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Chesapeake Bay; Cape Charles, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0298)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6416. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Urbanna Creek; Saluda, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0372)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6417. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cape Fear River; Wilmington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0413)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6418. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; I-90 Inner-belt Bridge Demolition, Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0425)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6419. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations Under the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939" (RIN3084-AB29), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6420. A communication from the Secretary, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN3072-AC55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6421. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William D. French, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6422. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Labeling of Pesticide Products and Devices for Export" ((RIN2070-AJ53)(FRL No. 9913-18)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6423. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" (RIN0579-AD83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6424. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Military Electronic Equipment and Other Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)" (RIN0694-AF39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6425. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Delaware, District of Columbia, and West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incinerator Units" (FRL No. 9913-32-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6426. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL No. 9913-30-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Regional Haze" (A-1-FRL-9810-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Control of Commercial Fuel Oil Sulfur Limits for Combustion Units" (FRL No. 9913-26-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6429. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9913-12-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6430. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Latham Pool Adjusted Standard" (FRL No. 9912-19-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6431. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Minor New Source Review" (FRL No. 9913-42-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6432. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter and 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9913-28-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6433. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the New Source Review State Implementation Plan; Flexible Permit Program" (FRL No. 9913-48-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6434. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9910-01-OCSP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6435. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9913-41-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6436. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Longevity Annuity Contracts" ((RIN1545-BK23)(TD 9673)), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6437. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-066); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6438. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health, United States, 2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6439. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-294. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, urging the Ohio congressional delegation to support all peaceful political actions that would result in the reunification of Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-295. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Upland, California, urging the California congressional delegation to support postal reform that would: secure the continuance of 6-day mail delivery; stabilize the Postal Service's finances by reforming or eliminating future retiree health financing policies that are crippling the Postal Service's finances; strengthen and protect the Postal Service's invaluable mail processing, retail, and last-mile delivery networks that together comprise a crucial part of the nation's infrastructure; retain door-to-door delivery for 30 million plus households and businesses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

POM-296. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Redlands, California, urging the California congressional delegation to support postal reform that would: secure the continuance of 6-day mail delivery; stabilize the Postal Service's finances by reforming or eliminating future retiree health financing policies that are hindering the Postal Service's finances and growth opportunities; strengthen and protect the Postal Service's invaluable mail processing, retail, and last-mile delivery networks that together comprise a crucial part of the nation's infrastructure; retain door-to-door delivery for 30 million plus households and businesses; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

POM-297. A resolution approved by the Electors of the City of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, supporting the passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating: only human beings - not corporations, limited liability companies, unions, non-profit organizations, or similar associations and corporate entities - are endowed with Constitutional rights, and spending money is not speech protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and, therefore, regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-298. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Miami, Florida, urging the President of the United States and members of the Congress of the United States to grant temporary protective status to Venezuelans living in the United States and to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized Venezuelan individuals with no serious criminal history, to extend Deferred Action to all eligible undocumented members of Venezuelan immigrant families, to end the firing of Venezuelan undocumented workers by ending the I-9 audits and the use of E-Verify System, and to encourage the Secretary of Homeland Security to approve TPS for Venezuelans whose immigration status has expired; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-299. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Big Spring, Texas, calling upon the Texas congressional delegation to affirm the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment and that all federal acts, laws, executive orders, agency orders, and rules or regulations of any kind that confiscate any firearm, ban any firearm, limit the size of a magazine for any firearm, impose any limit on the ammunition that may be purchased for any firearm, special taxation on any firearm or ammunition, or require the registration of any firearm or ammunition therefore, infringes upon the right to bear arms in direct violation of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-300. A resolution approved by the Electors of the Town of Waterloo, Wisconsin, supporting the passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating: only human beings - not corporations, unions, limited liability companies, non-profit organizations, or similar associations and corporate entities - are endowed with Constitutional rights, and money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-301. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Greene County, New York,

urging the Congress of the United States to support the health and welfare of all veterans as a priority, and to pass H.R. 1494, the "Blue Water Navy Accountability Act"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

POM-302. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Greene County, New York, urging the Congress of the United States to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to the United States veterans who served on the inland waterways, in the territorial waters, and the airspace over the combat zone; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 517. A bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 2588. An original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2580. A bill to redesignate the Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia, to revise the boundary of that monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2581. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 2582. A bill to establish a pilot program to assist in expanding and diversifying the business of small business concerns that rely on amounts awarded for Federal contracts and subcontracts; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2583. A bill to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2584. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to raise the quality of career and technical education programs and to allow local eligible recipients to use funding to establish high-quality career academics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2585. A bill to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran to protect against human rights abuses in Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2586. A bill to establish a smart card pilot program under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2587. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to protect and conserve species and the lawful possession of certain ivory in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2588. An original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2589. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2590. A bill to advance the purposes of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2591. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2592. A bill to promote energy production and security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2593. A bill to amend the FLAME Act of 2009 to provide for additional wildfire suppression activities, to provide for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 2594. A bill to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as "30th Street Station", as the "William H. Gray 30th Street Station"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2595. A bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KIRK, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. HELLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COATS, Mr. SHAHEEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 498. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from

the Hamas terrorist organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. Res. 499. A resolution congratulating the American Motorcyclist Association on its 90th Anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 500. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding support for voluntary, incentive-based, private land conservation implemented through cooperation with local soil and water conservation districts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 517

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 517, a bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the

Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1517

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1517, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 2047

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2047, a bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an

officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2395, a bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002.

S. 2406

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2406, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

S. 2417

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2417, a bill to provide greater controls and restriction on revolving door lobbying.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2538

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2538, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2565

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2565, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the dependent care tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2578

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2578, a bill to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. HAGAN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing the "Preserving American's Transit and Highways Act."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 803) to reform, and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the aforementioned bill.

BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT

The hour of 11:45 a.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 2363) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3493, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3492, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3491) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2363.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 41, nays... 56

[Rollcall Vote No. 220 Leg.]

YEAS --- 41

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Brown, Cantwell, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, McCaskill, Merkley,

Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Paul, Portman, Reed, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Warren, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 12 noon having passed,
Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 2363.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3493 to amendment No. 3492 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3491) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2244

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2244) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes; that the reported amendments be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment; that the following be the only amendments in order to be proposed to the bill, as amended:

Amendment No. 3549, intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN;

Amendment No. 3550, intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER;

Amendment No. 3551, intended to be proposed by Mr. FLAKE; and

Amendment No. 3552, intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER.

Ordered further, That there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between proponents and opponents on each amendment; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said amendments in the aforementioned order; that no amendment be in order to said amendments; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 3552, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof.

ASSESSING PROGRESS IN HAITI ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1104) to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NEAR EAST AND SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 653) to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. BLUNT) to amend the pending bill on various pages and lines by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3556).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS ON CALENDAR EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills on the calendar, en bloc:

S. 2056. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office";

S. 2057. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building";

H.R. 1376. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building";

H.R. 1813. To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building."

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the bills be read the third time, en bloc, and passed; and that motions to reconsider, en bloc, be made and laid on the table.

REAFFIRMING THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OTHER INTERNATIONALLY LAWFUL USES OF SEA AND AIRSPACE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 412) reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments to the resolution.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the pending resolution on page 13, line 24, by striking "HD-981," and inserting "Hai Yang Shi You 981 (HD-981)" (being amendment No. 3553).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. PAUL) to further amend the pending resolution, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3554).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the preamble, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to further amend the preamble, at the appropriate place, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3555).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY
14, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, from the State of Connecticut, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MURPHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 14, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2578

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2578) to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 11, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 255. An act to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 272. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the "Major General William H. Gourley VA-DOD Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 291. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.

H.R. 330. An act to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

H.R. 356. An act to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes".

H.R. 507. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 803. An act to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

H.R. 876. An act to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1158. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

H.R. 1216. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center".

H.R. 2337. An act to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.

H.R. 3110. An act to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2354. A bill to improve cybersecurity recruitment and retention (Rept. No. 113-207).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 161, A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-208).

Report to accompany S. 1074, A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe (Rept. No. 113-209).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2596. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal criminal penalties for interstate child endangerment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2597. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of Promise Zones; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2598. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COATS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2599. A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking; read the first time.

By Mr. JOHANNES (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2600. A bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is transferred to the State and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 501. A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Wright Museum of WWII History in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 109

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1124

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1124, a bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A.

S. 1236

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1236, a bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to

reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2187

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2187, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program.

S. 2252

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 2340, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 2366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2516

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2516, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes.

S. 2527

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2527, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 2529

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2529, a bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2577

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2577, a bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5, 000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014.

S. 2578

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2578, a bill to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 498

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 498, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. NELSON,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, July 14, 2014, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing to consider the nomination of Hon. James C. Miller III, Stephen Crawford, David M.

Bennett, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy to be Governors, U.S. Postal Service.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4718. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation.

H.R. 4923. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4923. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2578

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do

hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578:

HARRY REID, PATTY MURRAY, MARK UDALL, DICK DURBIN, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, DEBBIE STABENOW, JACK REED, CARL LEVIN, CHRIS COONS, ELIZABETH WARREN, JEANNE SHAHEEN, MICHAEL F. BENNET, JON TESTER, PATRICK LEAHY, MARTIN HEINRICH, MARIA CANTWELL, CHRIS MURPHY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. HIRONO,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2599) to stop exploitation through trafficking, introduced today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COATS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. FRANKEN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. HIRONO asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. HIRONO objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Ms. HIRONO,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4718) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Ms. HIRONO asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Ms. HIRONO objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the majority control the first half therein, and the minority control the second half therein; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Norman C. Bay or Cheryl A. LaFleur is agreed to, time until 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 3 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HIRONO,

At 5:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2599) to stop exploitation through trafficking, introduced on yesterday by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COATS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. FRANKEN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4718) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2578

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2578) to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 14, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1376. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building".

H.R. 1813. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed during the session of the Senate on today by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO THE FORMER LIBERIAN
REGIME OF CHARLES TAYLOR-- PM 50

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2014.

Although Liberia has made significant advances to promote democracy, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone convicted Charles Taylor for war crimes and crimes

against humanity, the actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources and their removal from Liberia and secreting of Liberian funds and property, still challenge Liberia's efforts to strengthen its democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 15, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-6455. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 1865. A bill to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users (Rept. No. 113-210).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2601. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to ensure futures commission merchant compliance; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2602. A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2603. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2604. A bill to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 2605. A bill to preserve religious freedom and a woman's access to contraception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 2606. A bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2607. A bill to extend and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2608. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2609. A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2610. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2611. A bill to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE
RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 502. A resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1505

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2244, a bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2323

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2323, a bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2335

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 2335, a bill to exempt certain 16 and 17 year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2498

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2498, a bill to

clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law.

S. 2529

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2529, a bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2543

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2563

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2563, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway safety and for other purposes.

S. 2577

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2577, a bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014.

S. 2578

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2578, a bill to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.

S. 2585

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2585, a bill to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran to protect against human rights abuses in Iran, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 498

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Colorado [Mr.

BENNET], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 498, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2014, at 12 noon, in room S-216 of the United States Capitol.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Finance Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Chronic Illness: Addressing Patients' Unmet Needs."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "S. 1696, The Women's Health Protection Act: Removing Barriers to Constitutionally Protected Reproductive Rights."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on July 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Taking Down Botnets: Public and Private Efforts to Disrupt and Dismantle Cybercriminal Networks."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office".

H.R. 606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building".

H.R. 1192. An act to redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as "Mount Jessie Benton Fremont".

H.R. 1786. An act to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2223. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building".

H.R. 2291. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office".

H.R. 2802. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 418 Liberty Street in Covington, Indiana, as the "Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3027. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Barry M. Goldwater Post Office".

H.R. 3085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3534. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4185. An act to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4193. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4195. An act to amend chapter 15 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Register Act), to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4197. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4355. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the "Harold George Bennett Post Office".

H.R. 4416. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the "Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building".

H.R. 5029. An act to provide for the establishment of a body to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.

H.R. 5031. An act to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

H.R. 5056. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.

At 5:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5021. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building"; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1192. An act to redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as "Mount Jessie Benton Fre'mont"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1786. An act to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2223. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 2802. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 418 Liberty Street in Covington, Indiana, as the "Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 4197. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4416. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the "Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5029. An act to provide for the establishment of a body to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5031. An act to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5056. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, signed by the SPEAKER on Friday, July 11, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, were subsequently signed during the session of the Senate on today by the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

H.R. 255. An act to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 272. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the "Major General William H. Gourley VA-DOD Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 291. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.

H.R. 330. An act to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

H.R. 356. An act to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes".

H.R. 507. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 803. An act to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the

United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, and for other purposes.

H.R. 876. An act to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1158. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

H.R. 1216. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center".

H.R. 2337. An act to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.

H.R. 3110. An act to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. HAGAN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, if a motion to proceed to consider the nomination of Norman C. Bay to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or of Cheryl A. LaFleur to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is agreed to, the Senate vote on confirmation thereof at 3:15 p.m. on today; and that all other provisions of the order of Wednesday, July 9, 2014 remain in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 12 noon having passed,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 9, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2578

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

UNLOCKING CONSUMER CHOICE AND WIRELESS COMPETITION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 517) to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2609) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. PRYOR), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would

lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri; that Mr. GRASSLEY control 10 minutes for debate thereon; that Mr. CORNYN control 10 minutes for debate thereon; that Mrs. SHAHEEN control 10 minutes for debate thereon; that Mrs. MCCASKILL control the remaining time until 10:15 a.m. for debate thereon; that, at 10:15 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination; that, if said motion is agreed to, the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 12:30 p.m., time for debate pursuant to S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be considered concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of said nomination; that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

Ordered further, That, upon resumption of its legislative session, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578; that the time until 2 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the time from 2 p.m. until 2:10 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for further debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 2:10 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 7:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 16, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2578

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2578) to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2609) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other

purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. PRYOR), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2578

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. MURRAY,

Ordered, That time for debate, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, be concluded.

Whereupon,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, July 14, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2578.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 14, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The hour of 2:10 p.m. not yet having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 56, nays... 43

[Rollcall Vote No. 228 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 43

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

Mr. REID, having voted on the prevailing side, entered a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2244

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following leader remarks on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2244) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014; that said order be modified such that times for debate on the following amendments be for the times indicated: amendment No. 3549, 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled; amendment No. 3550, 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled; amendment No. 3551, 10 minutes,

equally divided and controlled; and amendment No. 3552, 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled; that the order for one hour for debate on the bill be vitiated; that remaining time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 12 noon, the Senate vote in relation to the amendments, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 3552, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that provisions of the aforementioned order remain in effect.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John W. deGravelles, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6440. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6441. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of twenty-nine (29) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6442. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General William L. Shelton, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6443. A communication from the Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Defense Next Generation Host-Based CyberSecurity System"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6444. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6445. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment of Fees" (RIN1557-AD82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6446. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA): Changes to the Section 8 Tenant-Based Voucher and Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Programs" (RIN2577-AC83), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6447. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management reports and statements on system of internal controls for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6448. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the financial condition of The American Legion as of December 31, 2013 and 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6449. A communication from the Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of the U.S. Breeding Population of the Wood Stork From Endangered to Threatened" (RIN1018-AX60), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6450. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Policy on Interpretation of the Phrase 'Significant Portion of Its Range' in the Endangered Species Act's Definitions of 'Endangered Species' and 'Threatened Species'" (RIN1018-AX49; 0648-BA78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6451. A communication from the Branch Chief, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Yellow-Billed Parrot With Special Rule, and Correcting the Salmon-Crested Cockatoo Special Rule" (RIN1018-AY28), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6452. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Extension of Expiration Dates for Double-Crested Cormorant Depredation Orders" (RIN1018-AX82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6453. A communication from the Regulations Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska -- 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations" (RIN1018-AY85), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6454. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog and Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and Threatened Species Status for Yosemite Toad" (RIN1018-AZ21), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6455. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6456. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Effective Date for Temporary Pilot Program Setting the Time and Place for a Hearing Before an Administrative Law Judge" (RIN0960-AH67), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6457. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for the Streamlined Process of Applying for Recognition of Section 501(c)(3) Status" ((RIN1545-BM07)(TD 9674)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6458. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mid-Session Review Budget of the U. S. Government Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget.

EC-6459. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6460. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (CFDA No. 84. 133E-4.), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6461. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84. 133B-8.), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6462. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at Nuclear Metals, Inc. in West Concord, Massachusetts, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6463. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6464. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6465. A communication from the National Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "2013 Annual Report of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps" and "2013 Financial Statement of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6466. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A Helicopters (Type certificate currently held by Agusta Westland S.p.A) (Agusta)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0336)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6467. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France)(Airbus Helicopters) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0984)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6468. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airplanes Originally Manufactured by Lockheed for the Military as Model P-3A and P3A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1073)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6469. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0368)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6470. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0697)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6471. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1031)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6472. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France)(Airbus Helicopters) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0938)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6473. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0334)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6474. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Costruzioni Aeronautiche Tecnam srl Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0156)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6475. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1056)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6476. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0281)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6477. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0141)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6478. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dowty Propellers Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1088)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6479. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0882)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6480. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0340)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6481. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (Bell) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0574)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6482. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Przedsiębiorstwo Doswiadczalno-Produkcyjne Szybownictwa 'PZL-Bielsko' Model SZD-50-3 'Puchacz' Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0180)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6483. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A (Agusta) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0379)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6484. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0378)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6485. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (BHTI) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0415)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6486. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Redmond, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0171)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6487. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Newnan, GA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0097)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6488. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Elkin, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0046)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6489. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mineral Point, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0914)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6490. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Conway, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0178)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6491. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Crandon, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0022)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6492. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bois Blanc Island, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0986)), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6493. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class W Airspace; Taylor, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0013)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6494. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments No. (514)" (RIN2120-AA63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6495. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (49); Amdt. No. 3593" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6496. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (126); Amdt. No. 3592" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6497. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (195); Amdt. No. 3594" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6498. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

(38); Amdt. No. 3591" (RIN2120-AA65), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6499. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 14-54)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6500. A communication from the Associate Managing Director-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Amendments to the Service Rules Governing Public Safety Narrowband Operations in the 769-775/799-805 MHz Bands" ((FCC 13-40)(WT Docket No. 96-86)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2014-0907); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-303. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California calling upon the Congress and the President of the United States to stabilize the federal Highway Trust Fund by developing a long-term plan to promote adequate federal Highway Trust Fund revenues; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Whereas, A safe, efficient, and reliable surface transportation network is vital to California's future economic growth, quality of life, and security; and

Whereas, Inadequate investment in California's highway and bridge infrastructure system is having a dramatic impact on the citizens of California, causing them to spend too much time idling on increasingly congested roads and bridges rather than with their families; and

Whereas, The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), that authorized the federal highway and public transportation programs, will expire September 30, 2014; and

Whereas, The federal Highway Trust Fund and its user fee-based revenue stream supports all federal investment in highway and bridge improvements and the vast majority of the federal public transportation program; and

Whereas, The federal Highway Trust Fund experienced revenue shortfalls in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2012 that created uncertainty about federal surface transportation investment commitments; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Transportation will begin slowing reimbursements to states for already approved federal-aid projects as early as July of this year to preserve a positive balance in the federal Highway Trust Fund; and

Whereas, The Congressional Budget Office reports the federal Highway Trust Fund will be unable to support any new highway or public transportation spending in the 2015 fiscal year absent congressional action to increase trust fund revenues; and

Whereas, Eliminating federal highway and public transportation investment in one year would threaten hundreds of thousands of jobs nationwide and severely disrupt California's long-term transportation improvement plans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges timely action by the President and the Congress of the United States to stabilize the federal Highway Trust Fund by developing a long-term plan to promote adequate federal Highway Trust Fund revenues that achieves all of the following:

(a) Continues an appropriate role for the federal government in sustaining a viable national transportation system.

(b) Contributes to deficit reductions and economic growth.

(c) Ensures the integrity of the surface transportation program and resists funding diversions that have been harmful to public support.

(d) Allows the Congress to pass a reauthorization of the federal highway and public transportation programs before MAP-21 expires; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-304. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to protect the Corolla wild horses so that they can survive as a free-roaming wild herd for future

generations to enjoy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1257

Whereas, the Corolla wild horses living along the Outer Banks of Currituck County, North Carolina, are descendants of horses brought to the Americas by Spanish explorers and colonists beginning in the 16th century; and

Whereas, the Corolla wild horses are known as Colonial Spanish Mustangs; and

Whereas, these Colonial Spanish Mustangs have played a significant role in the history and culture of North Carolina's coastal area for hundreds of years; and

Whereas, in 2009, the General Assembly adopted these Colonial Spanish Mustangs as the official horse of the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Corolla wild horses freely roam 7,500 acres of public and private land in Currituck County; and

Whereas, the Corolla wild horses have been managed through a public-private partnership that includes representatives of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the State of North Carolina, Currituck County, and the Corolla Wild Horse Fund; and

Whereas, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is insisting that no more than 60 horses be allowed in the herd; and

Whereas, world-renowned genetic scientists have determined that a herd of at least 110 horses, with a target population of 120 to 130 horses is necessary to maintain the genetic viability of the Corolla herd; and

Whereas, 110 to 130 horses is well within the carrying capacity of the land the Corolla wild horses roam; and

Whereas, the Corolla wild horses are a critical component of the heritage and economy of Currituck County: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

Section 1. This body urges Congress to pass legislation to protect the Corolla wild horses so that they can survive as a free-roaming wild herd for future generations to enjoy.

Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and the members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

POM-305. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts expressing its support for the people of Nigeria, especially the parents and families of the girls abducted by certain individuals, and calling for the immediate

and safe return of the girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, as many as 234 female students, the majority of whom are between 16 to 18 years of age, were kidnapped by armed men from the government girls secondary school in the Federal Republic of Nigeria on April 14, 2014 and efforts by the United States to aid in their rescue are underway;

Whereas, Militants burned down several buildings, then shot at soldiers and police who were guarding the school; and

Whereas, Public secondary schools in Nigeria have been subjected to many attacks in 2014, resulting in hundreds of students being killed; and

Whereas, the militant group known as Boko Haram has taken responsibility for this mass kidnapping; and

Whereas, United Nations has declared that girls' education is a major challenge in Nigeria and, according to the world economic forum's global gender gap index, Nigeria is ranked 106 out of 136 countries based on women's economic participation, educational attainment and political empowerment; and

Whereas, the United States Senate has affirmed that women and girls must be allowed to go to school without fear of violence and unjust treatment so that they can take their rightful place as equal citizens of and contributors to the world; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Senate has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to ending discrimination and violence against women and girls, to ensuring the safety, welfare and education of women and girls and to pursuing policies that guarantee the rights of women and girls: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate hereby expresses its strong support for the people of Nigeria, especially the parents and families of the girls abducted by Boko Haram and calls for the immediate and safe return of the girls; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, the Presiding Officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from the Commonwealth.

POM-306. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and the Congress of the United States to invoke the participation of the International Joint Commission under Article IX, Article X, or both, of the Boundary Waters Treaty to evaluate the proposed underground nuclear waste repository in Ontario, Canada, and similar facilities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

Whereas, Ontario Power Generation is proposing to construct an underground, long-term burial facility for low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station. This site is less than a mile inland from the shore of Lake Huron; and

Whereas, Placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes shoreline is a matter of serious concern for the inhabitants of the Great Lakes states and provinces. A leak or breach of radioactivity from this waste facility could damage the ecology of the lakes. Tens of millions of United States and Canadian citizens depend on the lakes for drinking water, fisheries, tourism, recreation, and other industrial and economic uses; and

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the duty of the legislative branch of government to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and the state's natural resources. Article IV, Section 50 of the Michigan Constitution authorizes the Legislature to regulate atomic energy in view of the safety and general welfare of the people. Article IV, Section 51 declares that the public health and general welfare of the people of the state are matters of primary public concern, while Article IV, Section 52 requires the Legislature to provide for the protection of the air, water, and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment, and destruction; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has recognized the inherent dangers of siting a radioactive waste storage facility near the shores of the Great Lakes. Under Public Act No. 204 of 1987, the final siting criteria for a radioactive waste facility containing the same types of waste as would be stored at the proposed Ontario repository includes a prohibition on siting it within 10 miles of one of the Great Lakes, the Saint Mary's River, Detroit River, St. Clair River, or Lake St. Clair; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) is a binational agreement to address critical environmental health issues in the Great Lakes region, with the overall purpose of restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Great Lakes. Article 6 of the GLWQA acknowledges the importance of anticipating, preventing, and responding to threats to the Great Lakes and recognizes that a nuclear waste facility sited close to the Great Lakes shoreline could lead to a pollution incident or could have a significant cumulative impact on the waters of the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, The 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty recognizes the immense importance of the Great Lakes as a shared resource between the United States and Canada. The wisdom of the Treaty drafters is reflected in the creation

of the International Joint Commission (IJC), composed of three members from the United States and three members from Canada, to act as impartial watchdogs over the boundary waters between the countries. Under Article IX of the Treaty, questions or matters of difference between the countries involving their rights, obligations, or interests along their common frontier may be referred to the IJC for examination and report, upon the request of either country. Under Article X, the IJC may be asked to make a binding decision on an issue of difference between the two countries, upon the consent and referral by both the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, The IJC has frequently been asked to weigh in on major topics of concern to the Great Lakes region. In 1912, a few years after the Treaty's ratification, the IJC was asked to examine and report on the extent, causes, and location of pollution in the boundary waters and to recommend remedies and pollution prevention strategies. In 1999, the IJC was asked to study the international export of bulk supplies of Great Lakes water. The IJC provides an objective and international forum to study Great Lakes issues that affect both countries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and the Congress of the United States to invoke the participation of the International Joint Commission under Article IX, Article X, or both, of the Boundary Waters Treaty to evaluate the proposed underground nuclear waste repository in Ontario, Canada, and similar facilities; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the other Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces to adopt appropriate regulations to protect the Great Lakes region from radioactive waste and to petition their respective federal governments to engage the IJC under Article IX, Article X, or both, of the Boundary Waters Treaty to evaluate the proposed underground nuclear waste repository in Ontario, Canada, and similar facilities; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Prime Minister of Canada and the Canadian Parliament to suspend the Joint Review Panel process convened by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to decide whether to grant Ontario Power Generation a license to construct the underground nuclear waste repository so that it can receive input from the IJC, the Great Lakes Commission, and the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of Canada, the United States Secretary of State, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of

Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Speaker of the Canadian Senate, the Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, and the governors or premiers and the legislative majority leaders in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ontario, and Quebec.

POM-307. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina urging the United States Congress to enact legislation that will lead to the recognition of World War II Coastwise Merchant Mariners as veterans of the United States Armed Forces; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1256

Whereas, during World War II, United States Merchant Mariners who served along the coastline of the United States, and were known as Coastwise Merchant Mariners, helped to transport materials, including food, clothing, and weapons, to members of the United States Armed Forces serving on three continents; and

Whereas, the Coastwise Merchant Mariners bravely performed their duties even as they were in danger of attack from German U-boats operating along our nation's coastal waters; and

Whereas, many of the Coastwise Merchant Mariners were elderly, handicapped, women, and underage children who stepped forward in the time of a national crisis to ensure that the members of the United States Armed Forces were sufficiently supplied as they fought enemy forces; and

Whereas, because of administrative rules and decisions made by the United States Navy, many Coastwise Merchant Mariners who served during World War II were not recognized as veterans and thus were not eligible for the veterans benefits they had earned; and

Whereas, in the years following World II, as a result of some changes in federal law and federal rules and regulations, some of the Coastwise Merchant Mariners previously denied veterans benefits were finally recognized as veterans and therefore entitled to the same benefits as other veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, despite the past recognition of some Coastwise Merchant Mariners as veterans, as many as 30,000 Coastwise Merchant Mariners may never get that recognition due to the documentation required to prove their service during World War II; and

Whereas, through no fault of these courageous individuals, much of the documentation proving they served their country during World War II as Coastwise Merchant Mariners has been lost or destroyed or was never recorded; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives honors the brave men, women, and children who valiantly served our country as Coastwise Merchant Mariners during World War II.

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives urges Congress to do the following:

(1) Conduct congressional inquiries into (i) the lack of recognition given to the World War II Coastwise Merchant Mariners who were lost in action without having been recognized by our nation as veterans and (ii) the reason World War II Coastwise Merchant Mariners records that are known to exist have not been moved to the National Records Center for use by families and researchers in accordance with agreements between the National Archives and Records Administration and the Department of Defense.

(2) Enact legislation that expands the types of acceptable documentation that Coastwise Merchant Mariners may use to prove their service during World War II, and to thereafter require that those who can provide the documentation be finally recognized as veterans entitled to the accompanying benefits.

SECTION 3. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation, and the news media of North Carolina.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

POM-308. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expressing support for the democratic and European aspirations of the people of Ukraine, and calling on the United States and the European Union to continue to work together to support a peaceful resolution to the crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 284

Whereas, A democratic, prosperous and independent Ukraine is in the national interest of the United States; and

Whereas, Closer relations with the European Union (EU) through the signing of an Association Agreement will promote democratic values, good governance and economic opportunity in Ukraine; and

Whereas, Millions of Ukrainian citizens support closer relations with Europe and the signing of an Association Agreement; and

Whereas, The Government of Ukraine has declared integration with Europe a national priority and has made significant progress

toward meeting the requirements for the Association Agreement; and

Whereas, Ukraine has the sovereign right to enter into voluntary partnerships of its choosing, in keeping with its interests; and

Whereas, Ukraine's closer relations with the EU do not threaten any other country and will benefit both Ukraine and its neighbors; and

Whereas, On November 21, 2013, following several months of intense outside pressure, Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich abruptly suspended negotiations on the Association Agreement one week before it was due to be signed at the EU's Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania; and

Whereas, This reversal of stated government policy precipitated demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian citizens in Kyiv as well as in cities throughout the country; and

Whereas, The demonstrators were overwhelmingly peaceful and have sought to exercise their constitutional rights to freely assemble and express their oppositions to President Yanukovich's decision, as well as their support for greater government accountability and closer relations with Europe; and

Whereas, On November 30, 2013, police violently dispersed peaceful demonstrators in Kyiv's Independence Square, resulting in many injuries and the arrest of several dozen individuals; and

Whereas, On December 9, 2013, police raided three opposition media outlets and the headquarters of an opposition party; and

Whereas, On December 11, 2013, despite President Yanukovich's statement the previous day that he would engage in talks with the opposition, police attempted to forcibly evict peaceful protesters from central locations in Kyiv; and

Whereas, United States, European and other leaders, as well as three former presidents of Ukraine, urged restraint, warned against the use of violence against peaceful protesters and called for dialogue with the opposition to resolve the current political and economic crisis; and

Whereas, On January 16, 2014, the Ukrainian parliament passed, and President Yanukovich signed, legislation which severely limited the right of peaceful protest, constrained freedom of speech and the independent media and unduly restricted civil society organizations; and

Whereas, The passage of these undemocratic measures and President Yanukovich's refusal to engage in substantive dialogue with opposition leaders precipitated several days of violence and resulted in several deaths and hundreds of injuries, as well as numerous allegations of police brutality; and

Whereas, In the face of spreading demonstrations, Ukrainian Government representatives and opposition leaders entered into negotiations which on January 28, 2014, resulted in the resignation of the Prime Minister and his cabinet and the repeal of most of the antidemocratic laws from January 16, 2014; and

Whereas, On February 20, 2014, Ukrainian security forces, including heavily armed snipers, fired on demonstrators in Kyiv, leaving dozens dead and the people of Ukraine reeling from the most lethal day of violence since the Soviet era, and many of President Yanukovich's political allies, including the mayor of Kyiv, resigned from his governing Party of Regions to protest the bloodshed; and

Whereas, On February 22, 2014, the Ukrainian parliament found President Yanukovich unable to fulfill his duties, exercised its constitutional powers to remove him from office and set an election for May 25, 2014, to select his replacement; and

Whereas, On March 2, 2014, Russian troops invaded the Ukrainian territory of Crimea, seizing control of the peninsula, border crossings, government and administrative buildings, key infrastructure and surrounding Ukrainian military bases; and

Whereas, The military intervention by the Russian Federation in Crimea is a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity; and

Whereas, On March 16, 2014, Crimea held a referendum on seceding from Ukraine and acceding to the Russian Federation, which violated the Ukrainian constitution, occurred under duress of Russian military intervention and was not recognized by the international community; and

Whereas, On March 20, 2014, the Russian parliament noted to annex Crimea and Russian President Putin signed the treaty of accession annexing Crimea to the Russian Federation; and

Whereas, On April 7, 2014, protesters occupied government buildings in Ukraine's eastern cities of Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv; and

Whereas, On April 18, 2014, the United States, Russia, Ukraine and the European Union agreed at talks in Geneva on steps to de-escalate the crisis in eastern Ukraine; and

Whereas, On April 22, 2014, Ukraine's acting president ordered the relaunch of military operations against pro-Russian militants in the east after two men were found tortured to death in the Donetsk region; and

Whereas, On May 25, 2014, Ukraine held a presidential election, but most polling stations in the east remained closed; and

Whereas, Pedro Poroshenko was elected President and vowed to bring "peace to a united and free Ukraine"; and

Whereas, The Senate greatly values the warm and close relationship the United States has established with Ukraine since that country regained its independence in 1991: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express support for the democratic and European aspirations of the people of Ukraine and their right to choose their own future free of intimidation and fear; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate call on the United States and the European Union to continue to work together to support a peaceful resolution to the crisis and to continue to support the desire of millions of Ukrainian citizens for closer relations with Europe through finalizing the signing of an Association Agreement, as well as for a democratic future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate condemn the unprovoked and illegal Russian military seizure and annexation of the Ukrainian Crimea; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate urge the Government of Ukraine, Ukrainian opposition parties and all protesters to exercise the utmost restraint and avoid confrontation and call on the Government of the Ukraine to live up to its international obligations and respect and uphold the democratic rights of its citizens, including the freedom of assembly and expression, as well as the freedom of the press; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate urge all parties to engage in constructive, sustained dialogue in order to find a peaceful solution to Ukraine's current political and economic crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-309. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the Congress of the United States to approve the President's budget proposal to provide 35 million dollars to help communities process evidence from untested sexual assault kits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NO. 382

Whereas, Sexual violence continues to plague our nation and destroy lives. Women and girls are the vast majority of victims, and nearly one in five women, or about 22 million, have been raped during their lifetimes. Men and boys are also at risk and one in 71 men, or about 1.6 million, have been raped during their lifetimes. Nearly one-half of all female rape survivors were raped before 18 years of age, and over one-quarter of male rape survivors were raped before 10 years of age; and

Whereas, Effective collection of forensic evidence is of paramount importance to successfully prosecuting sex offenders, as is performing sexual assault forensic exams in a sensitive, dignified, and victim-centered manner. Sexual assault forensic examinations are intrusive, lengthy, and complex medical examinations that take an average of three to four hours. A victim who agrees to a sexual assault forensic exam reasonably expects evidence collected from that exam, also referred to as a rape kit, to be analyzed; and

Whereas, The federal government has estimated that hundreds of thousands of rape kits sit untested in police and crime storage facilities across the country in what is known as the rape kit backlog. Crime labs have struggled over the past decade to meet the demand for DNA testing for all types of crimes. With demand continuing to outpace capacity—the Joyful Heart Foundation estimates that every two minutes someone is sexually assaulted in the U.S.—the backlog in testing evidence collected from sexual assault forensic exams will likely continue to grow; and

Whereas, Untested sexual assault kits mean lost opportunities to develop DNA profiles, search for matches, link cold cases, and bring justice and resolution to the victim. DNA can help identify unknown offenders and when the offender is known, it can result in “cold hits” connecting the known suspect to other crimes. Failure to test evidence collected from a sexual assault kit in a timely manner can be tragic, from expired statutes of limitation that preclude prosecution even if a suspect is later identified, to additional rape and murder victims of serial rapists; and

Whereas, Local jurisdictions that have attempted to alleviate the rape kit backlog have impressive results to show for their efforts. With federal funding, the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's Office along with the Detroit Police Department, has begun to address a backlog of more than 10,000 rape kits. Among those first 1,600 kits tested, there were 455 matches in the DNA database, including matches linking to crimes committed in 22 other states and the District of Columbia. The Prosecutor's Office identified 127 potential serial rapists and obtained 14 convictions of potential serial rapists who are tied to rapes reported in 12 other states and the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, Testing sexual assault kits provides essential evidence. But, equally essential is the investigation and prosecution of identified perpetrators, without which survivors are denied justice, rapists remain free to assault with impunity, and our communities continue to suffer emotionally and economically; and

Whereas, Reducing the rape kit backlog is a national concern requiring a national response. Federal funding is crucial to help communities in Michigan and other states to

test and follow up on untested sexual assault kits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Congress of the United States to approve President Obama's budget proposal to provide \$35 million to help communities process evidence from untested sexual assault kits; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of the resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-310. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado designating the month of October as "Safe Schools Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-031

Whereas, Colorado is committed to ensuring safe schools for all students, from early learning to higher education; and

Whereas, Safe schools provide an environment where effective teaching and learning can take place so that all education goals can be achieved; and

Whereas, Safe schools interface with the larger community by providing safe havens and distribution centers in the event of greater community crisis; and

Whereas, Each school day, Colorado school personnel are accountable for the safety of over 875,000 students, or about one-sixth of the total population of the state; and

Whereas, Educators and school personnel are the first responders in the schools, on the routes to and from school, on field trips, and at school-related events; and

Whereas, Schools face a broad range of safety-related threats, including human-caused hazards, technological hazards, and natural hazards; and

Whereas, Schools must adopt guiding principles of readiness and all-hazards emergency management, including prevention, mitigation, protection, preparedness, response, and recovery, in addressing these threats; and

Whereas, Educators and school personnel must communicate, coordinate, and collaborate with professional responders and other community partners in applying these guiding principles; and

Whereas, Schools must keep pace with improvements and changes in safe schools design, crime prevention through environmental design, security systems, communications, information management, training programs, and other resources related to school safety; and

Whereas, Schools must continually evaluate and update policies, standard operating procedures, memoranda of understanding, best practices, lessons

learned, and fundraising activities related to school safety; and

Whereas, Schools can improve safety by making sure that climates are welcoming and that responses to misbehavior are fair, non-discriminatory and effective through training staff, engaging families and community partners, and deploying resources to help students develop the social, emotional, and conflict resolution skills needed to avoid and de-escalate problems; and

Whereas, The mission of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center is to assist educators, emergency responders, community organizations, school mental health professionals, parents, and students in creating safe, positive, and successful school environments for Colorado students in all K-12 and higher education schools; and

Whereas, In 2013, the Colorado School Safety Resource Center published nearly 800 announcements in its monthly newsletters on school safety-related topics such as training, grant information, prevention and protection resources, current research and statistical resources, and youth-specific information; and

Whereas, The members of the General Assembly believe that a yearly commemorative month devoted to school safety and a safe school climate can encourage activities that provide awareness about school safety topics: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

(1) Believe that establishing a commemorative month devoted to school safety and school climate can foster awareness about these important topics affecting our state's children and educators;

(2) Designate October as "Safe Schools Month" in Colorado; and

(3) Encourage all educators, community partners, first responders, subject matter experts, members of the private sector, the media, and other stakeholders to coordinate their activities with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center and to help promote a culture of school safety and positive school climate, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; Vice President Joe Biden; United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan; United States Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson; United States Attorney General Eric Holder; the office of the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; United States Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel; United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack; United States Secretary of Transportation

Anthony Foxx; Gina McCarthy, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency; the Honorable John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado; Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education, Lt. Gov. Joseph A. Garcia; Kristin D. Russell, Colorado Secretary of Technology and State Chief Information Officer, Governor's Office of Information Technology; Robert Hammond, Commissioner of Education, Colorado Department of Education; Scott Newell, Director, Division of Capital Construction, Colorado Department of Education; Sarah Mathew, Director, Office of Health and Wellness, Colorado Department of Education; Richard Kaufman, Chair, Colorado Commission on Higher Education; Nancy McCallin, President, Colorado Community College System; John W. Suthers, Attorney General, Colorado Department of Law; Susan Payne, Director, Safe2Tell; Kathy E. Sasak, Interim Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety; Paul Cooke, Director, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; Kevin R. Klein, Director, Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management; Colonel Scott Hernandez, Chief, Colorado State Patrol; Christine R. Harms, Director, Colorado School Safety Resource Center; Reggie Bicha, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services; Dr. Larry Wolk, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; John Salazar, Commissioner of Agriculture, Colorado Department of Agriculture; Donald E. Hunt, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Transportation; and to each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

POM-311. A joint memorial adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado urging the United States Congress to provide statutory relief to grant Colorado research institutions the authority to conduct controlled clinical and objective medical research trials regarding marijuana's medical efficacy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 14-006

Whereas, Colorado is in a unique situation regarding marijuana use in this country; and

Whereas, Colorado's constitution authorizes the legal use of marijuana for both medical and private adult use, but the use of marijuana is still illegal under federal law; and

Whereas, Because marijuana use has been illegal under federal law since 1937, there is limited modern, scientific-based research regarding the medical use of marijuana; and

Whereas, Without medical research, most information regarding marijuana's medical efficacy is limited in clinical or scientific

evidence and is anecdotal or observational; and

Whereas, Several marijuana extracts seem to demonstrate significant benefits for pain control, treatment of childhood epileptic seizures, and other beneficial effects, often with fewer side effects than prescription drugs, and without use dependence; and

Whereas, Colorado has an unprecedented opportunity to provide the United States with scientific-based, peer-reviewed clinical medical research that could lead to a medical consensus regarding marijuana's medical efficacy to treat a number of chronic and debilitating medical conditions; and

Whereas, Colorado is proposing to spend up to \$10 million studying marijuana's medical efficacy in Senate Bill 14-155; and

Whereas, Federal law currently significantly restricts state research institutions that receive federal funding from conducting controlled clinical trials regarding marijuana's medical efficacy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That the United States Congress is hereby memorialized to provide statutory relief to grant Colorado research institutions the authority to conduct controlled clinical and objective medical research trials regarding marijuana's medical efficacy, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to each member of the Colorado Congressional delegation, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the president of the United States Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 498. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

S. Res. 500. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2612. A bill to simplify and improve the Federal student loan program through income-contingent repayment to provide strong protections for borrowers, encourage responsible borrowing, and save money for taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2613. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2614. A bill to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2615. A bill to establish criminal penalties for failing to inform and warn of serious dangers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2616. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2617. A bill to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 2618. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 503. A resolution designating September 2014 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United

States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 504. A resolution to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in *Menachem Binyamin Zivotofsky, By His Parents and Guardians, Ari Z. and Naomi Siegman Zivotofsky v. John Kerry, Secretary of State (S. Ct.)*; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to

amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

S. 1733

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 1758

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1758, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to Medicare data.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Arkansas

[Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, supra.
S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, supra.
S. 2496

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2496, a bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.
S. 2547

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.
S. 2578

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2578, a bill to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.
S. 2599

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2599, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.
S. 2605

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2605, a bill to preserve religious freedom and a woman's access to contraception.
S. 2609

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the

Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2609, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 2611

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2611, a bill to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 18, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state.

SENATE RESOLUTION 498

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 498, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 498, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 500

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 500, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "At a Tipping Point: Consumer Choice, Consolidation and the Future Video Marketplace."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Challenges at the Border: Examining and Addressing the Root Causes Behind the Rise in Apprehensions at the Southern Border."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving the Trust System: Continuing Oversight of the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program."

COMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veteran's Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the state of VA health care.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "What Makes A Bank Systemically Important?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 3 p.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South Central Asian Affairs

subcommittee hearing entitled, "Indispensable Partners—Reenergizing US-India Ties."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a joint hearing with the Senate Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Options for Assuring Domestic Space Access."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

The Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, at 3 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Hanging Up on Phone Scams: Progress and Potential Solutions to this Scourge."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 306. An act for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.

H.R. 3086. An act to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

At 4:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 697. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 306. An act for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5021. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

SEAN AND DAVID GOLDMAN INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION AND RETURN ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3212) to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.

The question being on the agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

VETERINARY MEDICINE MOBILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1528) to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 503) designating

September 2014 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States, submitted today by Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DIRECTING THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE IN THE NAME OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 504) to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in *Menachem Binyamin Zivotofsky, By His Parents and Guardians, Ari Z. and Naomi Siegman Zivotofsky v. John Kerry, Secretary of State (S. Ct.)*, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 2244, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 5:34 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 2 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Julie E. Carnes, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; that, if the motion is agreed to, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; and that the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of confirmation of said nomination.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination on today, the Senate vote on the questions of confirmation of the nominations

of David B. Shear, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and David Arthur Mader, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; that, if the nominations are confirmed, motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WALSH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2244) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

On motion by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS) to further amend the pending bill in title II, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3552).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

On motion by Mr. FLAKE to further amend the pending bill on page 13, after line 22, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3551).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

On motion by Mr. VITTER to further amend the pending bill on page 13, after line 22, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3550).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to further amend the pending bill on various pages and lines, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3549).

Pending debate,

Mr. SCHUMER raised a point of order, viz, that the pending amendment violates provisions of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, 110th Congress, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. CRAPO, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment, and bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. CRAPO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 49

[Rollcall Vote No. 229 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 49

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Walsh, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SCHUMER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) held the point of order well-taken, and the amendment not in order.

Subsequently,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

Ordered, That on rollcall Vote No. 229 today, he be recorded as voting "yea", thereby making the result yeas 48, nays 49.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3550 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3551 to the bill, as amended.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014, as modified, be concluded.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3551 to the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. MCCAIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 97, nays... 0

[Rollcall Vote No. 230 Leg.]

YEAS --- 97

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3552 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That time for debate, pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2014, as modified, be concluded.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 4

[Rollcall Vote No. 231 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi,

Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 4

Coburn, Roberts, Rubio, Sessions.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Julie E. Carnes, ordered to occur today at 2 p.m., as pursuant to the order of today, instead occur at 1:45 p.m. on today; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2265

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2265) to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. CORKER objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of today, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on Monday, July 21, 2014, upon disposition of the nomination of Julie E. Carnes to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, as pursuant to the order of today, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Michael Anderson Lawson, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Niger; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion thereof, the Senate vote on the questions of confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Andre Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Robin L. Rosenberg, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the

Southern District of Florida, John W. deGravelles, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, in the said order; that, if a motion is agreed to, at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday next, time for debate, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; that the Senate vote on the questions of confirmation of said nominations, in the aforementioned order; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4870. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-211).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 517, A bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-212).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2619. A bill to prevent organized human smuggling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2620. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the reliability of the electric transmission grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2621. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2622. A bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2623. A bill to prohibit land management modifications relating to the Lesser Prairie Chicken; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2624. A bill to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2625. A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2626. A bill to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to expand the payment in lieu of taxes program to include payments for secure rural schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 2627. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHANNIS:

S. 2628. A bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is placed in a facility or with a sponsor in the State and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2629. A bill to require employers to notify employees and prospective employees of exemptions from otherwise required coverage of health services under group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2630. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decision-making under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2631. A bill to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2632. A bill to provide for the expedited processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 505. A resolution congratulating the Gay, Lesbian, and Allies Senate Staff (GLASS) Caucus association on the 10-year anniversary of the association; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 506. A resolution recognizing the patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans service organizations; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 507. A resolution designating August 7, 2014, as "National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 508. A resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Congressional Research Service; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on

loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2234

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2234, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs.

S. 2254

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2254, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 2440

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2440, a bill to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2501, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program.

S. 2529

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2529, a bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2569

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2569, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 2570

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2570, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs.

S. 2593

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2593, a bill to amend the FLAME Act of 2009 to provide for additional wildfire suppression activities, to provide for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2608

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2608, a bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes.

S. 2611

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2611, a bill to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 498

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 498, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

SENATE RESOLUTION 500

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 500, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "Examining Accountability and Corporate Culture in Wake of the GM Recalls."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 2 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Federal Research Portfolio: Capitalizing on Investments in R&D."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Role of Trade and Technology in 21st Century Manufacturing."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Dangerous Passage: Central America in Crisis and the Exodus of Unaccompanied Minors."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "More Than 1,000 Preventable Deaths a Day Is Too Many: The Need to Improve Patient Safety."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one

of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5016. An act making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 108. Concurrent resolution providing for the correction of the enrollment of H.R. 5021.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5016. An act making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL
AS IT DEFENDS ITSELF AGAINST
UNPROVOKED ROCKET ATTACKS
FROM THE HAMAS TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 498) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DAY OF
THE AMERICAN COWBOY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 488) designating July 26, 2014, as "National Day of the American Cowboy."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTHOUSE
PRESERVATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNER in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 507) designating August 7, 2014, as "National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day," submitted today by Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH
SERVICE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 508) commemorating the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Congressional Research Service, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2631) to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF
ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, July 21, 2014, Mr. REED and Mr. ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY
21, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday next, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination of Julie Carnes.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:12 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014.

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 21, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2631) to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012, introduced on Thursday, July 17, 2014 by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS), and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6502. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coco alkyl dimethyl amines; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9911-54-OCSP), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6504. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6505. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6506. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 management report and statement on the system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6507. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Water Heaters" (RIN1904-AC53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6508. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reliability Standard for Geomagnetic Disturbance Operations" (RIN1902-AE80), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6509. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Control of Visible Emissions, Record Keeping and Monitoring" (A-1-FRL-9910-12-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6510. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9913-62-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6511. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9913-59-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6512. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Treatment of Non-Safety Systems for Passive Advanced Light Water Reactors" (NRC-2014-0000), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6513. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Joseph E. Martz, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6514. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6515. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the danger pay allowance for Kenya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6516. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6517. A communication from the Director of External Affairs, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aged Beneficiary Designation Forms" (5 CFR Part 1651), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6519. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; United States and Canadian Military Exercise Jump Training, Lake Erie, Hamburg, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0260)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6520. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Meridian Health Fireworks, Navesink River, Rumson, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0353)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6521. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fourth of July Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Charleston Zone, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0471)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6522. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Independence Day Celebration Fireworks, Lake Ontario, Oswego, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0473)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6523. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Zone Buffalo" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0081)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6524. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Freeport Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Display, South Oyster Bay, Freeport, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0240)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6525. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: San Francisco Independence Day Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0283)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6526. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fireworks Displays in Captain of the Port Puget Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0485)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6527. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; City of Menominee Fireworks; Green Bay, Menominee, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0539)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6528. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Atlantic Ocean; Ocean City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0494)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6529. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Swim Around Charleston, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0160)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6530. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Delaware River; Chester, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0511)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6531. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Summer Fireworks Displays in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0476)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6532. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Metedeconk River; Brick Township, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0522)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6533. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bullhead City River Regatta; Bullhead City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0359)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6534. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Water Ski Show, Fox River, Green Bay, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0536)), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6535. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Monongahela River; Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0377)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6536. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Beaufort Water Festival, Beaufort, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0005)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6537. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Tennessee River, Miles 255.0 to 256.5, Florence, AL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0753)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6538. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Tennessee River, Mile 256.0 to 257.5, Florence, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0277)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6539. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Arrival Exception" ((RIN1625-AC12)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0797)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6540. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9" (RIN0648-XD329), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6541. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery and Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 25" (RIN0648-BE07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6542. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Signal Systems Reporting Requirements" (RIN2130-AC44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6543. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vehicle/Track Interaction Safety Standards; High-Speed and High Cant Deficiency Operations" (RIN2130-AC09), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6544. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Compatibility with the Regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE38), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-312. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the Congress of the United States to support legislation reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 37

Whereas, The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im) is the official export credit agency of the United States and exists for the purposes of financing and insuring foreign purchases of United States goods for customers unable or unwilling to accept the credit risk; and

Whereas, The mission of the Ex-Im is to create and sustain United States jobs by financing sales of United States exports to international buyers; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im is the principal government agency responsible for aiding the export of American goods and services, and thereby creating and sustaining United States jobs, through a variety of loan, guarantee, and insurance programs for small and large businesses; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im has supported more than \$400 billion in United States exports in the past 70 years and helps to cover critical trade finance gaps by providing loan guarantees, export credit insurance, and direct loans for United States exports in developing markets where commercial bank financing is unavailable or insufficient. In Fiscal Year 2012, Ex-Im financing of United States exports exceeded \$35 billion, assisting more than 3,400 United States companies and supporting approximately 255,000 export-related American jobs; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im is a self-sustaining agency, which operates at no cost to the taxpayer and, between the 2008-09 to 2011-12 fiscal years, inclusive, the Ex-Im has generated \$1.6 billion in excess revenue for United States taxpayers; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im enables United States companies large and small to turn export opportunities into sales that help to maintain and create in the United States jobs and contribute to a stronger national economy. On average, more than 85 percent of the Ex-Im's transactions support United States small businesses; and

Whereas, Exports are particularly important to the California economy as California is currently ranked second in exports among all states. If California's manufacturing base is to grow, we must continue to expand our ability to export goods from California facilities. Given the key role the Ex-Im plays in facilitating export sales, failure to reauthorize it would be devastating to existing industry and to those that we hope to create in the future; and

Whereas, Over the past five years, the Ex-Im has assisted more than 900 California companies to export their products. Nearly 200 of those companies are women or minority owned and 668 are small businesses. These companies export their products and services around the globe totaling more than \$19 billion in sales. Fifty-two of the 53 congressional districts in California had companies benefit from the Ex-Im loans; and

Whereas, A reauthorization of the Ex-Im is critical to the ability of many United States exporters to compete on a level playing field in a commercial market where current and future competitors continue to enjoy aggressive support from their countries' export credit agencies; and

Whereas, A failure to reauthorize the Ex-Im would amount to unilateral disarmament in the face of other nations' aggressive trade finance programs that favor their domestic companies over American companies; and

Whereas, Economic growth depends on increasing exports from both small and large manufacturers and service providers in California and reauthorization means support for California exports and California jobs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges Congress to support legislation reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-313. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission opposing S. 2094, the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-314. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Rhode Island urging the United States Congress to support a peaceful unification of Ireland using all possible diplomatic means; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3124

Whereas, Ireland and the Irish people are an ancient nation that have contributed much to western culture, particularly within the spheres of literature, art, music, dance, theater, theology and philosophy; and

Whereas, Ireland is an island nation that eventually evolved into 32 counties. Tragically, in 1922 it was divided against the wishes of a majority of the Irish people who desired a united nation, into the Irish Republic, consisting of 26 counties, and Northern Ireland, composed of the remaining six counties, and

Whereas, A peacefully united and independent Ireland would be the most effective way to grow the economy and would lead to a wealthier nation, with more influence in regional and world affairs. It would also be the best way to ensure that all citizens of Ireland have a just and equal chance at happiness and prosperity; and

Whereas, A united and independent Ireland, with a unified and independent police force and justice system, is more likely to dispense justice in an impartial and fair way, and it would be far more likely to have the trust and respect of its citizenry, including citizens from all socio-economic spheres of life; and

Whereas, The Good Friday Agreement of 1998, negotiated with strong American support, ratified by the British and Irish governments and approved by a vote with the overwhelming support of the entire island of Ireland, provides a framework by which a united Ireland might be achieved through peaceful and democratic means. It also provided for the development and strengthening of North/South institutions and for there to be cross border cooperation amongst the two entities; and

Whereas, The United States and the State of Rhode Island have benefited enormously from the rich contributions Irish immigrants have made to our nation and state; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests that the United States Congress strongly supports a peaceful unification of Ireland using all possible diplomatic means; and be it further,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, the President and Vice President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland, Enda Kenny.

POM-315. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Rhode Island requesting that the United States Congress and the United Nations work together towards finding a peaceful solution to the problems in Cyprus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 3118

Whereas, This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the illegal Turkish invasion and continued occupation of Cyprus; and

Whereas, The Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign forces since 1974, in violation of numerous United Nations' Resolutions; and

Whereas, The Republic of Cyprus is the only internationally recognized and legal entity on the Island of Cyprus and is a member of the United Nations and the European Union. United States Vice President Joseph Biden re-affirmed these facts and the United States' support for the Republic of Cyprus on his recent visit to the Island of Cyprus; and

Whereas, The international community, with the support of the United States, has repeatedly supported the Republic of Cyprus in this dispute. It has called for the removal of the 43,000 Turkish troops from the Island, the return of all illegal settlers, and has continuously urged the government of Turkey to engage in good faith negotiations to achieve these ends; and

Whereas, A peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic and social well-being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece, Turkey and the European Union: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby marks the fortieth anniversary of the unlawful Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus. We furthermore respectfully request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress fully support all United Nations efforts to create a peaceful and democratic solution that will be based on European law and will guarantee all Cypriot citizens equal human rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden, Jr., Secretary of State John Kerry, the Rhode Island Delegation to the United States Congress, Speaker of the House of Representatives John Boehner, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, United States Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, United States Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

POM-316. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California calling upon the United States Congress to enact legislation that would establish reasonable deadlines for the prohibition of the testing and marketing of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals, and urging the federal government to mandate alternative methods to animal testing of cosmetic products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, For more than 50 years, animals have been used in painful tests to assess the safety of certain chemicals used in cosmetic products; and

Whereas, Modern alternatives to harmful animal testing are increasingly less expensive, faster, and more accurate at predicting human reactions; and

Whereas, Mandating and promoting the use of accepted alternative methods to animal testing has, and will continue to have, a huge positive impact on animal welfare; and

Whereas, Careful evaluation of alternative methods to animal tests ensures that their proper use supports the equal or better protection of people, animals, and the environment; and

Whereas, In 2000, California became the first state in the nation to pass a law restricting the use of animals in product testing by making it unlawful to use animals

for testing when an appropriate, validated, alternative method is available; and

Whereas, Our nation's largest trading partner, the European Union, which accounts for nearly half of the global cosmetics market worth an estimated \$90 billion a year, prohibits the importation and sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals as of March 2013; and

Whereas, Norway, India, Israel, and the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil have also banned all animal testing for cosmetics; and

Whereas, Harmonizing international laws that encourage modern science and respond to consumer expectations benefits businesses and consumers in today's global marketplace; and

Whereas, Polls show that the American public overwhelmingly supports alternatives to testing cosmetics on animals. A recent poll conducted by ORC International, a leading global market research firm, found that 72 percent of American adults surveyed believe that testing cosmetics on animals is unethical: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that would establish reasonable deadlines for the prohibition of the testing and marketing of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the federal government to mandate alternative methods to animal testing of cosmetic products, whenever those scientifically satisfactory methods are available, and to prioritize the validation and acceptance of additional nonanimal tests; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Governor of California, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2577. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014 (Rept. No. 113-213).

H.R. 4028. A bill to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the

right to religious freedom (Rept. No. 113-214).

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following bill was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2633. A bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is placed in a facility or with a sponsor in the State and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 509. A resolution honoring the extraordinary and courageous life of Mattie Stepanek; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1153

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 1153, a bill to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1861

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1861, a bill to save taxpayer money and end bailouts of financial institutions by providing for a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt.

S. 2030

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2030, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2151

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2151, a bill to enhance the early warning reporting requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers.

S. 2253

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2253, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a temporary shift in the scheduled collection of the transitional reinsurance program payments.

S. 2305

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 2309

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2309, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2360

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2360, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 2366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2483

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2483, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2541

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2541, a bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates.

S. 2547

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness,

Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 2569

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2569, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 2598

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2598, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2624

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2624, a bill to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2625

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2625, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 2630

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2630, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 489

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 489, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Growth Awareness Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 498

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 498, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

SENATE RESOLUTION 502

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from North Dakota

[Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 502, a resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion, which was stated as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569:

HARRY REID, JOHN E. WALSH, DEBBIE STABENOW, AMY KLOBUCHAR, PATTY MURRAY, BERNARD SANDERS, T.R. HARKIN, DICK DURBIN, TOM UDALL, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., CHRIS MURPHY, TAMMY BALDWIN, JON TESTER, MARK BEGICH, S. WHITEHOUSE, CARL LEVIN, CHRIS COONS.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Pending debate,

HONORING THE LIFE OF MATTIE STEPANEK

On the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 509) honoring the extraordinary and courageous life of Mattie Stepanek, submitted today by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of John W. deGravelles to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014, the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate in the usual form; and that, at 12:30 p.m., the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

At 7:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6545. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2014" (RIN0584-AE31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6546. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of Administrative Rules and Regulations Governing Issuance of Additional Allotment Base" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0088; FV14-985-2 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6547. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas;

Change in Size and Grade Requirements for Grapefruit" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0015; FV14-906-2 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6548. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California, Arizona, and New Mexico; Modification of Aflatoxin Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0068; FV13-983-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6549. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantined Areas in New Jersey" (Docket No. APHIS-2013-0078), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6550. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zoxamide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9913-35-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6551. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyoxyalkylated Trimethylpropanes; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9912-10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6552. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foreign Language Skill Proficiency Bonus program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6553. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions in the Department of the Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6554. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the

grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6555. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Terry G. Robling, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6556. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was established in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6557. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's 2014 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6558. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6559. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6560. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Australia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6561. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Bureau of Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Government Participation in the Automated Clearing House" (RIN1530-AA05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6562. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation,

Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnace Fans" (RIN1904-AC22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6563. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho Franklin County Portion of the Logan Nonattainment Area; Fine Particulate Matter Emissions Inventory" (FRL No. 9913-97-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6564. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Control of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions from Large Stationary Internal Combustion Engines" (FRL No. 9913-79-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6565. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Auto Exhaust Emission Controls" (FRL No. 9913-81-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6566. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Grant County Sulfur Dioxide Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9913-94-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6567. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Conformity of General Federal Actions" (FRL No. 9913-92-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6568. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9914-11-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6569. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York State; Transportation Conformity Regulations" (FRL No. 9913-73-Region 2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Idaho: Portneuf Valley PM10 Maintenance Plan Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets" (FRL No. 9913-84-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Wage Garnishment" (FRL No. 9913-63-OCFO), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6572. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a lease prospectus that supports the Administration's fiscal year 2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6573. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: RFS Pathways II, and Technical Amendments to the RFS Standards and E15 Misfueling Mitigation Requirements" ((RIN2060-AR21)(FRL No. 9910-40-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6574. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "RFS Renewable Identification Number (RIN) Quality Assurance Program" ((RIN2060-AR72)(FRL No. 9906-55-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6575. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Comprehensive Medicaid Integrity Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-2018"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6576. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation from Certain Tax Indifferent Parties" (Rev. Rul. 2014-18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6577. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6578. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debt Collection" (RIN1400-AD60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6579. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closing of the Jamieson Line, New York Border Crossing" (CBP Dec. 14-08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6580. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2013 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6581. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the

Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6582. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022; 29 CFR Part 4044), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6583. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research -- Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84. 133B-6; CFDA No. 84.133B-7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6584. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2012-0416)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6585. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-1419)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6586. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2011-0724)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6587. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0482)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6588. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Celebrate The Amboys Fireworks; Raritan Bay, Perth Amboy, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0188)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6589. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The New York North Shore Helicopter Route" ((RIN2120-AJ75)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0302)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6590. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened and Endangered Status for Distinct Population Segments of Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks" (RIN0648-XA798), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-317. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to follow Federal Housing Administration guidelines as they apply to site condominiums and view them as single-family homes as long as they meet certain criteria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 371

Whereas, Financing condominium ownership using government-backed loans is challenging. Traditional condominium units can be riskier for lenders because of the rights afforded to condominium associations, how associations are structured, and deed restrictions. This has made loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) difficult to obtain unless the condominium development meets occupancy requirements and is approved by the agency; and

Whereas, Site condominiums are single-family condominium developments that have the benefit of reducing some lending risks. Here, condominium units are stand-alone structures similar to single-family dwellings where owners are responsible for the upkeep of the entire structure rather than the interior alone and the association is responsible for maintaining the grounds; and

Whereas, In 2009, the FHA began allowing site condominium buyers in certain non-approved condominium developments to receive FHA financing so long as the development met certain criteria. This included requiring each unit to be a detached single-family unit where the entire structure is considered the condominium unit. The unit owner is also responsible for all insurance and maintenance costs of the structure; and

Whereas, The VA has not yet adopted a similar policy. The FHA's site condominium policy has been beneficial to low- and medium-income home buyers and would be beneficial to veterans as well. Allowing VA-backed loans to finance site condominiums ownership without needing condominium developments to be approved by the agency will help connect elderly and disabled veterans unable to perform day-to-day property maintenance with affordable housing in desirable neighborhoods: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to follow Federal Housing Administration guidelines as they apply to site condominiums and view them as single-family homes as long as they meet certain criteria; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-318. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan condemning certain individuals for their violent attacks on civilian targets in Nigeria, and supporting efforts by the President of the United States and the United States Congress to assist the Nigerian government in the safe return of the abducted women and girls in Nigeria, to prevent further attacks, and to promote the human rights of women and girls in Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 396

Whereas, Boko Haram is an acknowledged militant, terrorist organization. Since 2011, it

has claimed responsibility for a series of bombings, killing nearly 4,000 innocent people in Nigeria. It has targeted schools, mosques, churches, villages, agricultural centers, and government facilities in its escalating armed campaign to create an Islamic state in northern Nigeria; and

Whereas, On April 14, Boko Haram abducted at gunpoint 276 teenage girls from the Government Girls Secondary School in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. While at least 53 girls immediately escaped, the remaining girls remain missing. Boko Haram has a history of kidnapping girls in the past for use as cooks and sex slaves, and there are reports that the abducted girls have been sold as brides to Islamist militants for the equivalent of \$12 each; and

Whereas, In support of the Nigerian government, the United States dispatched drones over Nigeria to search for the abducted girls and deployed 80 soldiers to guard the drone base in nearby Chad. Other nations have also pledged support to help safely bring back the abducted girls. Despite these cooperative efforts, the abducted girls remain missing, and on June 9, Boko Haram abducted at least 20 additional women and girls from a village just miles from the earlier incident; and

Whereas, Boko Haram's increasingly bold attacks must be countered by a strong initiative to recover the abducted women and girls and prevent future attacks. This extremist group represents a growing threat to peace and stability in this region and to the United States' interests in this region. There are legitimate fears that Boko Haram may be emboldened to carry out attacks against Western targets, such as the U.S. Embassy and hotels frequented by Westerners: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn Boko Haram for its violent attacks on civilian targets in Nigeria and call for the immediate, safe return of the women and girls abducted by them; and be it further

Resolved, That we express strong support for the people of Nigeria, especially the parents and families of the abducted women and girls, and encourage the Nigerian government to strengthen efforts that protect children seeking to obtain an education and to hold those who conduct violent acts against them accountable; and be it further

Resolved, That we support offers of United States assistance to the Nigerian government in the search for the abducted women and girls and courage the U.S. Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to continue support for initiatives that promote the human rights of women and girls in Nigeria; and be it further

Resolved, That we support our nation's efforts to hold terrorist organizations, such as Boko Haram, accountable and urge the

President of the United States to provide a comprehensive strategy to counter the growing threat posed by radical Islamist terrorist groups in West Africa, the Sahel, and North Africa; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-319. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 388

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mental illness is defined as "health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with distress and/or impaired function." The National Institute of Mental Health states, "While mental disorders are common in the United States, the burden of illness is particularly concentrated among those who experience disability due to serious mental illness (SMI)"; and

Whereas, In a given year, approximately ten million Americans experience serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder. Furthermore, approximately four million Americans experiencing serious mental illness do not receive treatment in a given year. Laws, regulations, and misinterpretations frequently shut out families attempting to get effective appropriate treatment for their loved ones in a mental health crisis; and

Whereas, There are ten times more individuals with serious mental illness in jails and prisons than in state psychiatric hospitals. Federal laws and billing policies restrict the ability of persons on Medicaid to receive high-quality inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment; and

Whereas, Current spending needs to be more focused on the most effective services and most severe mental illnesses. United States Congressman Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania has introduced the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 (H.R. 3717). The act would create a new Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance-Abuse Disorders to coordinate funding between agencies, collect increased data on treatment outcomes, and drive evidence-based care. To address issues regarding the shortage of psychiatric professionals, the Helping Families in Mental

Health Crisis Act of 2013 would advance alternatives to inpatient care and prioritize early intervention: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1219, A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-215).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1818. A bill to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BENNET, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2634. A bill to provide tax relief for major disaster areas declared in 2012, 2013, and 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2635. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2636. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions of real property for conservation purposes by Native Corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2637. A bill to modify the small business intermediary lending program; to the

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 2638. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 2639. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2640. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2641. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide that residential mortgage loans held in portfolio qualify and qualified mortgages for purposes of the presumption of the ability to repay requirements under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2642. A bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation, and to ensure that employers consider these requests; and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain growing low-wage occupations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2643. A bill to require a report by the Federal Communications Commission on designated market areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 510. A resolution congratulating the Newport Jazz Festival on its 60th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 511. A resolution establishing best business practices to fully utilize the potential of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 315

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 544

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 544, a bill to require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the

development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1330

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1330, a bill to delay the implementation of the employer responsibility provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT]

was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 2033

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2033, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 2406

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2406, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

S. 2441

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2441, a bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2539

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research.

S. 2543

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2549

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2549, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 2569

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2569, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2607

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms.

LANDRIEU], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2607, a bill to extend and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 2611

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2611, a bill to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border and for other purposes.

S. 2624

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2624, a bill to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2631

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2631, a bill to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012.

S. 2633

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2633, a bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is placed in a facility or with a sponsor in the State and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 38, a joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez.

SENATE RESOLUTION 420

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 420, a resolution designating the week of October 6 through October 12, 2014, as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care.

SENATE RESOLUTION 499

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 499, a resolution congratulating

the American Motorcyclist Association on its 90th Anniversary.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. HEINRICH,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Leveraging America’s Resources as a Revenue Generator and Job Creator: A View from State and Local Partners.”

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The U.S. Tax Code: Love It, Leave It, or Reform It!”

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 22, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Coal Miners’ Struggle for Justice: How Unethical Legal and Medical Practices Stack the Deck Against Black Lung Claimants.”

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 3 p.m., in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Abuse of Structured Financial Products: Misusing Barrier Options to Avoid Taxes and Leverage Limits.”

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Building Economically Resilient Communities: Local and Regional Approaches.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND PEACE CORPS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 22, 2014, at 3 p.m., to hold an International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps subcommittee hearing entitled, “U.S. Security Implications of International Energy and Climate Policies Issues.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:51 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4719. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

At 6:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1528. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 10:45 a.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving six rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 17, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CONGRATULATING THE NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

On the request of Mr. REED,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 510) congratulating the Newport Jazz Festival on its 60th anniversary, submitted today by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569 on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Andrew H. Schapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Czech Republic, and Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon the conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on

the table; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; that the Senate then resume its legislative session; and that, if the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569 is agreed to, time during said executive session be counted against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on said motion.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4719) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be

deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569; that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, at 11 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to said bill.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, July 23, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 5021

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, with the concurrence of the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; and that the only amendments in order thereto be the following:

An amendment No. 3582 (being the text of a bill reported by the Committee on Finance), intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN;

An amendment No. 3583, intended to be proposed by Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. BOXER), relative to date change and Finance Committee reported financing provisions, with the exception of pension smoothing provisions;

An amendment No. 3584, intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE, relative to devolution/text of bill S. 1702; and

An amendment No. 3585, intended to be proposed by Mr. TOOMEY, relative to exemptions—damaged road/bridge reconstruction.

Ordered further, That there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between opponents and proponents on each amendment; that there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on the bill; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the questions of agreeing to said amendments in the aforementioned order; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that no amendment be in order to said amendments prior to votes thereon; that no motion to commit the bill be in order to the bill; that, upon disposition of amendment No. 3585, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage thereof; that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass; and that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical changes to amendments, relative to proper page and line number alignment, as necessary.

Ordered further, That, if bill H.R. 5021, as may be amended, is passed, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 108) providing for the correction of the enrollment of H.R. 5021; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4719) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on yesterday, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The hour of 11 a.m. having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, July 21, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 21, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 93, nays... 7

[Rollcall Vote No. 240 Leg.]

YEAS --- 93

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King,

Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 7

Coburn, Graham, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Roberts.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILLS S. 2262 AND S. 2280

Mrs. SHAHEEN asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate resume consideration of the bill (S. 2262) to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; that the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be withdrawn; that amendments Numbered 3023 and 3025 be withdrawn; that amendment No. 3012 (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that a Budget Act point of order, and motion to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that no other amendment, point of order, or motion be in order; that there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage thereof; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass.

Mrs. SHAHEEN further asked unanimous consent that, if bill S. 2262 is passed, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, but not later than Thursday, July 31, 2014, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; that a Budget Act point of order, and motion to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that no other amendment, point of order, or motion be in order; that there be four hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage thereof; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the only amendments in order to bill S. 2262 be five minority amendments relative to energy policy; that each amendment receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, following disposition of the amendments, the bill, as may be amended, be read the third time; and that then Senate vote on passage of the bill, as may be amended.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6591. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Products, User Fees, Requirements for the Submission of Data Needed To Calculate User Fees for Domestic Manufacturers and Importers of Tobacco Products" (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0920), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on July 21, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6592. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Multiagency Collaboration on Unconventional Oil and Gas Research: A Strategy for Research and Development"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6593. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael J. Basla, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6594. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6595. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133P-5.), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6596. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practices, Quality Control Procedures, Quality Factors, Notification Requirements, and Records and Reports, for Infant Formula; Correction" ((RIN0910-AF27)(Docket No. FDA-1995-N-0063, Formerly Docket No. 95N-0309)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6597. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-369, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6598. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6599. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010; Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Clips" ((MB Docket No. 11-154) (FCC 14-97)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 675. A bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy (Rept. No. 113-216).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1820. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch (Rept. No. 113-217).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 1233. A bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-218).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 315. A bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008.

S. 531. A bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Human Services of physical activity guidelines for Americans.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2154. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 2405. A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize

certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2406. A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2539. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and, referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2644. A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2645. A bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2646. A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2647. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system for private security officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 2648. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2649. A bill to provide certain legal relief from politically motivated charges by the Government of Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 2650. A bill to provide for congressional review of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 512. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Environmental Protection Agency and the proposed rules and guidelines relating to carbon dioxide emissions from power plants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 513. A resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. Res. 514. A resolution designating the week of August 10 through August 16, 2014, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 515. A resolution designating July 24, 2014, as "International Self-Care Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 516. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in State of North Dakota v. Beatrice Quill; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 487

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 487, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of

clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to require the establishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1898

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1898, a bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1955

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1955, a bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions.

S. 1999

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1999, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2094, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2118

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2118, a bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2199

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 2202

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2202, a bill to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2405, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2406

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr.

ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2406, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2547

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2591, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2611

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2611, a bill to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 37, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Meeting the Challenges of Feeding America's School Children."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 2:45 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "The Cruise Passenger Protection Act (S. 1340): Improving Consumer Protections for Cruise Passengers."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: EPA's Proposed Carbon Pollution Standards for Existing Power Plants."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Indian Gaming: The Next 25 Years."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-301 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "The DISCLOSE Act (S. 2516) and the Need for Expanded Public Disclosure of Funds Raised and Spent to Influence Federal Elections."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: Understanding Successes, Addressing Persistent Challenges, and Identifying New Opportunities."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 11 a.m., in room S-219 of the Capitol.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 2 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "A More Efficient and Effective Government: The National Technical Information Service."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 23, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Saving for an Uncertain Future: How the ABLE Act can Help People with Disabilities and their Families."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2430. An act to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3716. An act to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3802. An act to extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4411. An act to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4450. An act to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4508. An act to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services.

H.R. 4562. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

H.R. 4572. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4802. An act to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4803. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4812. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5035. An act to reauthorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5120. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

H.R. 1528. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2430. An act to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3802. An act to extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4411. An act to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4508. An act to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4562. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4802. An act to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4803. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4812. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5035. An act to reauthorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5120. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3716. An act to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to the consider the nomination of Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon the conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination, without any intervening action or debate; that, if the nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL LYNTON AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 40) providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
SENATE WITH RESPECT TO
ENHANCED RELATIONS WITH THE
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 500) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF "GROWTH AWARENESS
WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 489) supporting the goals and ideals of "Growth Awareness Week."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. CASEY (for Mr. KIRK) to amend the preamble in the ninth whereas clause by striking "providing resources," and inserting "support" (being amendment No. 3623).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE WRIGHT
MUSEUM OF WWII HISTORY IN
WOLFEBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 501) commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Wright Museum of WWII History in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL NURSE-
MANAGED HEALTH CLINIC WEEK"

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 514) designating the week of August 10 through August 16, 2014, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week," submitted today by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "INTERNATIONAL
SELF-CARE DAY"

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 515) designating July 24, 2014, as "International Self-Care Day," submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY,
DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND
REPRESENTATION

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 516) to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in State of North Dakota v. Beatrice Quill, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes, introduced today by Ms. MIKULSKI, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569; that, at 1:45 p.m. on tomorrow, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed thereto.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 7:26 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 24, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Ms. MIKULSKI, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDER FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 3:40 p.m. on today, the Senate observe a moment of silence to recognize the sixteenth anniversary of the deaths of Capitol Police Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, who died while defending the Capitol against an armed gunman.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, by Mr. REID on Monday, July 21, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for business to bring jobs back to America; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, with the concurrence of the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs; that there be four hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon the conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination, without any intervening action or debate; that, if the nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of the nomination of Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, on today, the Senate proceed to the consider the nominations of Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, and Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce; and that the Senate vote on confirmations thereof.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, July 28, 2014, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, to be a

Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon the conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations, without any intervening action or debate; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2569

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

Time for debate, as pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569 was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2569.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

BRING JOBS HOME ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall vote), during which the following occurred:

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of today,

At 3:40 p.m.,

The Senate observed a moment of silence to recognize the sixteenth anniversary of the deaths of Capitol Police Officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, who died while defending the Capitol against an armed gunman.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
FOR COOPERATION ON THE USES OF
ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MUTUAL
DEFENSE -- PM 51

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to section 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the text of an amendment (the "Amendment") to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes of July 3, 1958, as amended (the "1958 Agreement"). I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Amendment. The joint unclassified letter submitted to me by the Secretaries of Defense and Energy providing a summary position on the unclassified portions of the Amendment is also enclosed. The joint classified letter and classified portions of the Amendment are being transmitted separately via appropriate channels.

The Amendment extends for 10 years (until December 31, 2024), provisions of the 1958 Agreement that permit the transfer between the United States and the United Kingdom of classified information concerning atomic weapons; nuclear technology and controlled nuclear information; material and equipment for the development of defense plans; training of personnel; evaluation of potential enemy capability; development of delivery systems; and the research, development, and design of military reactors. Additional revisions to portions of the Amendment and Annexes have been made to ensure consistency with current United States and United Kingdom policies and practice regarding nuclear threat reduction, naval nuclear propulsion, and personnel security.

In my judgment, the Amendment meets all statutory requirements. The United Kingdom

intends to continue to maintain viable nuclear forces into the foreseeable future. Based on our previous close cooperation, and the fact that the United Kingdom continues to commit its nuclear forces to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, I have concluded it is in the United States national interest to continue to assist the United Kingdom in maintaining a credible nuclear deterrent.

I have approved the Amendment, authorized its execution, and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 24, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6600. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2014 annual report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6601. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0084 - 2014-0089); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6602. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program; Qualifying Life Event Amendments" (RIN3206-AM57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6603. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay and Defer Sanctions, Clark County Department of Air Quality" (FRL No. 9914-17-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6604. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Bellefontaine Area to Attainment of the 2008 Lead Standard" (FRL

No. 9914-22-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6605. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance and Locally Enforced Motor Vehicle Idling Limitations" (FRL No. 9914-31-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6606. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Solvent Degreasing Operations Rule" (FRL No. 9914-24-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6607. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Amendments to Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for Illinois" (FRL No. 9913-15-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6608. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation and Apportionment of Interest Expense" ((RIN1545-BJ59)(TD 9676)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6609. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Tax Credit Guidance Under Section 901(m)" (Notice 2014-44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6610. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosures of Return Information Reflected on Returns to Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce for Certain Statistical Purposes

and Related Activities" ((RIN1545-BL60)-(TD 9677)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6611. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Research Expenditures" ((RIN1545-BE64)(TD 9680)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6612. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mixed Straddles; Straddle-by-Straddle Identification Under Section 1092" ((RIN1545-BK99)(TD 9678)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 23, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6613. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Obtaining Evidence Beyond the Current 'Special Arrangement Sources'" (RIN0960-AH44), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6614. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to Regulations" (RIN0960-AH55), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6615. A communication from the Acting Assistant Deputy for Regulatory Services, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities, Requirements, and Definitions--Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grants for National Leadership Activities" (CFDA No. 84.282N), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6616. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Education Acquisition Regulation" (RIN1890-AA18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6617. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report for 2013 on Disability-Related Air

Travel Complaints"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 2508. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-219).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1353. A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2651. A bill to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2652. A bill to improve the design-build process in Federal contracting; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2653. A bill to amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2654. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of certain delayed payments by the Secretary, to require the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report regarding such delayed payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2655. A bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2656. A bill to provide for the regulation of persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemical substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2657. A bill to reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors, to eliminate the increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2658. A bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 2659. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2660. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2661. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2662. A bill to promote and expand the application of telehealth under Medicare and other Federal health care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2663. A bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2664. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2665. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2666. A bill to prohibit future consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals or work authorization for aliens who are not in lawful status, to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border, and to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse States for National Guard deployments in response to large-scale border crossings of unaccompanied alien children from noncontiguous countries; read the first time.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 2667. A bill to prohibit the exercise of any waiver of the imposition of certain sanctions with respect to Iran unless the President certifies to Congress that the waiver will not result in the provision of funds to the Government of Iran for activities in support of international terrorism, to develop nuclear weapons, or to violate the human rights of the people of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2668. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2669. A bill to ensure funding for certain payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 517. A resolution expressing support for Israel's right to defend itself and calling on Hamas to immediately cease all rocket and other attacks against Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 518. A resolution designating the week of October 12 through October 18, 2014, as "National Case Management Week" to recognize the role of case management in improving health care outcomes for patients; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WALSH):

S. Res. 519. A resolution designating August 16, 2014, as "National Airborne Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. Res. 520. A resolution condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 521. A resolution designating July 26, 2014, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 522. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C., from August 4 through 6, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 523. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of the United States-India strategic partnership and the continued deepening of bilateral ties with India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Con. Res. 41. A concurrent resolution denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist

organizations in violation of international humanitarian law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 620

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 620, a bill to withhold the salary of the Director of OMB upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress as required by section 1105 of title 31, United States Code.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2406

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2406, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2471

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2471, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to provide bankruptcy protections for medically distressed debtors, and for other purposes.

S. 2483

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2483, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 2488

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2488, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exception to the exclusive use requirement for home offices if the other use involves care of a qualifying child of the taxpayer, and for other purposes.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2607

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of

S. 2607, a bill to extend and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 2622

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2622, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 2635

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2635, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 2650

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2650, a bill to provide for congressional review of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 39, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding support for voluntary, incentive-based, private land conservation implemented through cooperation with local soil and water conservation districts.

SENATE RESOLUTION 462

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 462, a resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 502

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 502, a resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

SENATE RESOLUTION 513

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 513, a resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Social Security: A Fresh Look at Workers' Disability Insurance."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Iraq at a Crossroads: Options for U.S. Policy."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of States in Higher Education."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 3:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on judicial nominations.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Path to Efficiency: Making

FEMA More Effective for Streamlined Disaster Operations.”

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 1:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2283. An act to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3136. An act to establish a demonstration program for competency-based education.

H.R. 4449. An act to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4980. An act to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery.

H.R. 4983. An act to simplify and streamline the information regarding institutions of higher education made publicly available by the Secretary of Education, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5076. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to increase knowledge concerning, and improve services for, runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking.

H.R. 5116. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5134. An act to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year.

H.R. 5135. An act to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2283. An act to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3136. An act to establish a demonstration program for competency-based education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4449. An act to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4983. An act to simplify and streamline the information regarding institutions of higher education made publicly available by the Secretary of Education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5076. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to increase knowledge concerning, and improve services for, runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5116. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5134. An act to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5135. An act to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RECOGNIZING THE KHMER AND LAO/HMONG FREEDOM FIGHTERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 462) recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of

Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. RUBIO) to amend the preamble, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3690).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read “A resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia.”

DESIGNATING “NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY”

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. SHAHEEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 519) designating August 16, 2014, as “National Airborne Day”, submitted today by Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WALSH), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2666) to prohibit future consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals or work authorization for aliens who are not in lawful status, to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border, and to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse States for National Guard deployments in response to large-scale border crossings of unaccompanied alien children from noncontiguous countries,

introduced today by Mr. CRUZ, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY
28, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 5:30 p.m., time for debate thereon, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, be considered concluded; and that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of said nomination, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014.

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014

Mr. HARRY REID, from the State of Nevada, called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. REID led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 28, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., a Senator from the State of Maine, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KING took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL S. 2569 ON TODAY**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, on today, the Senate resume its legislative session and consideration of the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

**BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR**

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2666) to prohibit future consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals or work authorization for aliens who are not in lawful

status, to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border, and to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse States for National Guard deployments in response to large-scale border crossings of unaccompanied alien children from noncontiguous countries, introduced on Thursday, July 24, 2014 by Mr. CRUZ, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BRING JOBS HOME ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3693).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 3694).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3695).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No.

3695) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 3696).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 3697).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending bill; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 2569:

HARRY REID, JOHN E. WALSH, DEBBIE STABENOW, BEN CARDIN, BARBARA BOXER, PATRICK J. LEAHY, KAY R. HAGAN, S. WHITEHOUSE, JACK REED, CHRIS COONS, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BILL NELSON, JAY ROCKEFELLER, B.A. MIKULSKI, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, MAZIE K. HIRONO, T.R. HARKIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3697 to amendment No. 3696 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3695), contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648:

HARRY REID, B.A. MIKULSKI, BEN CARDIN, BARBARA BOXER, PATRICK J. LEAHY, S. WHITEHOUSE, JACK REED, CHRIS COONS, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., BILL NELSON, JAY ROCKEFELLER, MAZIE K. HIRONO, T.R. HARKIN, BERNARD SANDERS, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION S. RES. 524

Ms. KLOBUCHAR asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 524) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global climate change, submitted today, and at the desk; that the Senate proceed to consider the resolution; that the resolution be agreed to; that the accompanying preamble be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. INHOFE objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, July 28, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 517. A bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6618. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Money Market Fund Reform; Amendments to Form PF" (RIN3235-AK61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6619. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6620. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the temporary relocation of certain U.S. forces and embassy personnel in Libya, received during adjournment of the Senate on July 27, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1818, A bill to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-220).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2670. A bill to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2671. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2672. A bill to terminate the authority to waive certain provisions of law requiring the imposition of sanctions with respect to Iran, to codify certain sanctions imposed by executive order, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs.

HAGAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2673. A bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel; read the first time.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2674. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 524. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global climate change; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 525. A resolution designating July 30, 2014, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of

S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in

promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 1645, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to

veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 2388

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2388, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems, and for other purposes.

S. 2458

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2458, a bill to provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students.

S. 2464

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2464, a bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2631

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2631, a bill to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012.

S. 2642

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2642, a bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation, and to ensure that employers consider these requests; and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain growing low-wage occupations, and for other purposes.

S. 2649

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2649, a bill to provide certain legal relief from politically motivated charges by the Government of Egypt.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prohibit the exercise of any waiver of the imposition of certain sanctions with respect to Iran unless the President certifies to Congress that the waiver will not result in the provision of funds to the Government of Iran for activities in support of international terrorism, to develop nuclear weapons, or to violate the human rights of the people of Iran.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was

added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 37, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 499

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 499, a resolution congratulating the American Motorcyclist Association on its 90th Anniversary.

SENATE RESOLUTION 506

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 506, a resolution recognizing the patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans service organizations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 513

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 513, a resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

SENATE RESOLUTION 520

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 520, a resolution condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3212) to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 517. An act to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

S. 653. An act to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1104. An act to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3393. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate certain tax benefits for educational expenses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements to the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4984. An act to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5081. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5111. An act to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution prohibiting the President from deploying or maintaining United States Armed Forces in a sustained combat role in Iraq without specific, subsequent statutory authorization.

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

At 3:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 517. An act to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3212. An act to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4984. An act to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5081. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5111. An act to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 105. Prohibiting the President from deploying or maintaining United States Armed Forces in a sustained combat role in Iraq without specific, subsequent statutory authorization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 2014; that, notwithstanding said order, there be debate on the nomination from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m., and from 2:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.; that said times for debate be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, at 2:45 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cameroon, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to

each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER APPRECIATION DAY"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 525) designating July 30, 2014, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day," submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2673) to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel, introduced today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr.

WYDEN), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3393) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate certain tax benefits for educational expenses, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

RUSSIAN WEAPONS EMBARGO ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2352) to re-impose sanctions on Russian arms exporter Rosoboronexport; and that said bill be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual

form; and that the minority control the first half therein and the majority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 2014, as modified today.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m.

Ordered further, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Joan A. Polaschik on tomorrow, the Senate resume its legislative session, as pursuant to the order of today; and that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:13 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2673) to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3393) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate certain tax benefits for educational expenses, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, July 29, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 653. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1104. A bill to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY DECLARED IN WITH
RESPECT TO LEBANON—PM 52

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To The Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2014.

Certain ongoing activities, such as continuing arms transfers to Hizballah, which include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems, undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 29, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6621. A communication from the Director, Office of Special Education Programs, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program" (CFDA No. 84.133A-10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6622. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of one (1) officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6623. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, the Board's Report to Congress on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects (dated December 26, 2013); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6624. A communication from the Director, Office of Special Education Programs, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Research Fellowships Program" (CFDA No. 84.133F-2), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6625. A communication from the Director, Office of Special Education Programs, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers" (CFDA No. 84.133B-1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6626. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Allowability of Legal Costs for Whistleblower Proceedings" (RIN9000-AM64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6627. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-76; Introduction" (FAC 2005-76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6628. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6629. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-76; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6630. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Regarding the Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit" ((RIN1545-BM23)(TD 9683)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6631. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2014 Annual Report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6632. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Disability Insurance (DI) Trust Fund becoming inadequate within the next 10 years and the Board's 2014 Annual Report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6633. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington and Imported Potatoes; Modification of the Handling Regulations, Reporting Requirements, and Import Regulations for Red Types of Potatoes"

(Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0068; FV13-946-3 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6634. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Revision of Assessment Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0090; FV14-987-2 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6635. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas and Imported Oranges; Change in Size Requirements for Oranges" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0009; FV14-906-1 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6636. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0065; FV13-993-1 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6637. A joint communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Housing and Partnerships) and the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the BRAC disposal of 12.31 acres and the acquisition of 59.95 acres in Montana; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Rept. No. 113-221).

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2015" (Rept. No. 113-222).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 502. A resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 513. A resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

S. Res. 520. A resolution condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims.

S. Res. 522. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C., from August 4 through 6, 2014.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2675. A bill to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to support religious freedom in foreign countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2676. A bill to establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt certain policies and procedures relating to the transfer and possession of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2677. A bill to reverse the listing by the Secretary of the Interior of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, to prevent further consideration of listing of the species as a threatened species or endangered species under that Act pending implementation of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan and other conservation measures, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2678. A bill to remove the American burying beetle from the list of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2679. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2680. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a voluntary program under which manufacturers may have products certified as meeting the standards of labels that indicate to consumers the extent to which the products are manufactured in the United States, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments in small business concerns, to establish small business savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2681. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for businesses to keep jobs in the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2682. A bill to require certain Federal agencies to use iron, steel, wood products, cement and manufactured goods produced in the United States in public construction projects, to permanently extend the Build America Bonds program, to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2683. A bill to reform classification and security clearance processes throughout the Federal Government and, within the Department of Homeland Security, to establish an effective and transparent process for the designation, investigation, adjudication, denial, suspension, and revocation of security clearances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2684. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National

Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2685. A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 526. A resolution supporting Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 527. A resolution congratulating the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for 100 years of service throughout the United States and the world, and commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for exemplifying the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service while upholding the motto "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 528. A resolution commemorating the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's Statehood; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 204

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 234, supra.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 531

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 531, a bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Human Services of physical activity guidelines for Americans.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the

federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1022, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.

S. 1397

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1702

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1702, a bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1712

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1712, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development

of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2405, a bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2495

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2495, a bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending.

S. 2546

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2546, a bill to repeal a requirement that

new employees of certain employers be automatically enrolled in the employer's health benefits.

S. 2547

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 2624

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2624, a bill to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2633

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2633, a bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is placed in a facility or with a sponsor in the State and for other purposes.

S. 2635

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2635, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 2650

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2650, a bill to provide for congressional review of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 2658

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2658, a bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Nebraska

[Mr. JOHANNIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2667, a bill to prohibit the exercise of any waiver of the imposition of certain sanctions with respect to Iran unless the President certifies to Congress that the waiver will not result in the provision of funds to the Government of Iran for activities in support of international terrorism, to develop nuclear weapons, or to violate the human rights of the people of Iran.

SENATE RESOLUTION 502

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 502, a resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

SENATE RESOLUTION 506

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 506, a resolution recognizing the patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans service organizations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 511

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 511, a resolution establishing best business practices to fully utilize the potential of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 513

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 513, a resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 513, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 517

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 517, a resolution expressing support for Israel's right to defend itself and calling on Hamas to immediately cease all rocket and other attacks against Israel.

SENATE RESOLUTION 520

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 520, a resolution condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims.

SENATE RESOLUTION 522

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of

Senate Resolution 522, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C., from August 4 through 6, 2014.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Revisiting the RESTORE Act: Progress and Challenges in Gulf Restoration Post-Deepwater Horizon."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 3 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Opportunities and Challenges for Improving Truck Safety on our Highways."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Breaking the Logjam at BLM: Examining Ways to More Efficiently Process Permits for Energy Production on Federal Lands."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tobacco: Taxes Owed, Avoided, and Evaded."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Iran: Status of the P-5+1."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 29, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office

Building, to conduct a hearing entitled judicial nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Threats Posed by Climate Change."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, CUSTOMS AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

The Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs and Global Competitiveness of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement: Lessons Learned Two Years Later."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 653. An act to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1104. An act to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 2:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 594. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1771. An act to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2952. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain

improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3107. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, develop a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3202. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3635. An act to ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3696. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3846. An act to provide for the authorization of border, maritime, and transportation security responsibilities and functions in the Department of Homeland Security and the establishment of United States Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4156. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow advertisements and solicitations for passenger air transportation to state the base airfare of the transportation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4250. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4490. An act to enhance the missions, objectives, and effectiveness of United States international communications, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4838. An act to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as "30th Street Station", as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station".

H.R. 4919. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 105. Joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1799. An act to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1771. An act to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2952. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3107. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, develop a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3202. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3635. An act to ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3696. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3846. An act to provide for the authorization of border, maritime, and transportation security responsibilities and functions in the Department of Homeland Security and the establishment of United States Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4156. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow advertisements and solicitations for passenger air transportation to state the base airfare of the transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4490. An act to enhance the missions, objectives, and effectiveness of United States international communications, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4572. To amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4838. An act to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as "30th Street Station", as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4919. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 12 noon having arrived,

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

On motion by Mr. WYDEN to amend the pending bill by striking title II, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3582).

Pending debate,

The pending amendment was laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY to amend the pending bill in subtitle A, title I, at the end

thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3585).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

On motion by Mr. LEE to amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3584).

Pending debate,

The pending amendments were laid aside, by unanimous consent.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

On motion by Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. BOXER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3583, in the nature of a substitute).

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WYDEN,

Ordered, That the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, providing for the consideration of pending bill H.R. 5021, be modified such that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; and that all other provisions of said order remain in effect.

Ordered further, That the following be recognized to speak for five minutes each: Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. KING; that, following said remarks, time for debate, pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, be considered concluded; and that the Senate then vote, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3583 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3582 to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WYDEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 71, nays... 26

[Rollcall Vote No. 244 Leg.]

YEAS --- 71

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr,

Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 26

Blunt, Boozman, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Flake, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3583 (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. CORKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment (in the nature of a substitute).

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 66, nays... 31

[Rollcall Vote No. 245 Leg.]

YEAS --- 66

Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Coburn, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 31

Ayotte, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Toomey, Vitter.

So the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

The question recurring on agreeing to amendment No. 3584 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. VITTER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on

the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 28, nays... 69

[Rollcall Vote No. 246 Leg.]

YEAS --- 28

Ayotte, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Toomey, Vitter.

NAYS --- 69

Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3585 to the bill, as amended.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. SCOTT,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, as modified,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 47, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 247 Leg.]

YEAS --- 47

Ayotte, Barrasso, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 50

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014, as modified,

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. MCCASKILL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill, as amended.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 248 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Burr, Coburn, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Flake, Hatch, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Toomey.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL H.R. 5021

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 108) providing for the correction of the enrollment of H.R. 5021, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, July 17, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 23, 2014,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 4486

Ms. MIKULSKI asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 4486) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that a Budget Act point of order against the bill, as amended, and a motion to waive in relation thereto, be in order; that no other amendment, point of order, or motion be in order; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon the conclusion of debate, the bill, as amended, be read the third time; that the Senate vote on the question of passage of the bill, as amended; that, if the bill, as amended, is passed, the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

After debate,

Mr. SHELBY objected.

SUPPORTING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO
DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST HAMAS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 526) supporting Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas, and for other purposes, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. GRAHAM), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF
STATE TO OFFER REWARDS FOR
INFORMATION ON THE
KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF
NAFTALI FRAENKEL

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2577) to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE
CAPITOL GROUNDS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 103) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE
CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 106) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS
OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY,
INC. FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED
STATES AND THE WORLD

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 527) congratulating the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for 100 years of service throughout the United States and the world, and commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for exemplifying the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service while upholding the motto "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity," submitted today by Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. BALDWIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH
ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH
DAKOTA'S STATEHOOD

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 528) commemorating the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's Statehood, submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2685) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. LEAHY, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

DESIGNATING "UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 521) designating July 26, 2014, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648 on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, the nomination of Erika Lizabeth Moritsugu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the nomination of Richard A. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on each nomination; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of

the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 4028) to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 2569; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; and that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the bill.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. GRASSLEY, for one hour.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 8:51 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2685) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. LEAHY, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BRING JOBS HOME ACT

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARKEY in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the bill (S. 2569) to provide an

incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3697, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3696, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3695), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

BRING JOBS HOME ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 2569.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3697, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3696, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3695), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following the remarks of Mr. REID, the following be recognized to speak for five minutes each: Mr. COONS, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WALSH; and that, following remarks by them, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2569, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was considered concluded.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, July 28, 2014, to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2569.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 28, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 249 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Begich, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3697 to amendment No. 3696 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3695), contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, July 28, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, July 28, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 63, nays... 33

[Rollcall Vote No. 250 Leg.]

YEAS --- 63

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 33

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Hagan, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6638. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to open the skill identifier associated with attending the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Commander's Course to women; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6639. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Domestically Nonavailable Articles-Elimination of DoD-Unique List" ((RIN0750-A111)(DFARS Case 2013-D020)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6640. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Use of Military Construction Funds in Countries Bordering the Arabian Sea" ((RIN0750-AI33)(DFARS Case 2014-D016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6641. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Application of Certain Clauses to Acquisitions of Commercial Items" ((RIN0750-A113)-(DFARS Case 2013-D035)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6642. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6643. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6644. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of

HOPE for Homeowners Program Regulations" (RIN2501-AD68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6645. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species: Designation of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Upper Columbia River Spring-run Chinook Salmon in the Okanogan River Subbasin, Washington, and Protective Regulations" (RIN0648-BD51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6646. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basis of Indebtedness of S Corporations to their Shareholders" ((RIN1545-BG51)(TD 9682)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6647. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partnerships; Start-up Expenditures; Organization and Syndication Fees" ((RIN1545-BL06)(TD 9681)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6648. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Equal Employment and Affirmative Action for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities" (RIN9000-AM76), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6649. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Business Protests and Appeals" (RIN9000-AM46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6650. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6651. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6652. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-052); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6653. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Deep-Water Complex in the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-XD351), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6654. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Lesser Amberjack, Almaco Jack, and Banded Rudderfish Complex" (RIN0648-XD350), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6655. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Trawl Limited Access Sector in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD348), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6656. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; 'Other Flatfish' in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD372), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6657. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office

of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Recreational Management Measures for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Fishing Year 2014" (RIN0648-BE16), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6658. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Unused Catch Carryover; Emergency Action" (RIN0648-BE19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6659. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD358), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6660. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Dusty Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD360), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6661. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD359), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6662. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Presidential \$1 Dollar Coin Program"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6663. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Directives Management Division, Fish and Wildlife Service,

Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addresses of Headquarters Offices" (RIN1018-BA52), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6664. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Zuni Bluehead Sucker" (RIN1018-AY25), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6665. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Critical Habitat for Salt Creek Tiger Beetle" (RIN1018-AY56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6666. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Northwest Atlantic Ocean Distinct Population Segment of the Loggerhead Sea Turtle" (RIN1018-AY71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6667. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Compliance Certification Content Requirements for State and Federal Operating Permits Programs" ((RIN2060-AQ71)(FRL No. 9913-88-OAR)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6668. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: the 2014 and 2015 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" ((RIN2060-AR80)(FRL No. 9911-99-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6669. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Nitrogen Oxides Exemption Request" (A-1-FRL-9913-56-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6670. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds" (FRL No. 9914-44-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6671. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Money Market Funds and the Wash Sale Rules" (Rev. Proc. 2014-45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6672. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branded Prescription Drug Fee; Procedural and Administrative Guidance" (Notice 2014-42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6673. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branded Prescription Drug Fee" ((RIN1545-BJ39)(TD 9684)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6674. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure Guidance on Indexing Under Section 36B and Section 5000A" (Rev. Proc. 2014-37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6675. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure Providing Guidance To Compute the Section 162(I) Deduction with Section 36B Credit" (Rev. Proc. 2014-41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6676. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 5000A National Average Premium for a Bronze Level of Coverage" (Rev. Proc. 2014-46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6677. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IRS Truncated Taxpayer Identification Numbers" ((RIN1545-BJ16)(TD 9675)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6678. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting by Passport Applicants" ((RIN1545-AJ93)(TD 9679)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6679. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - August 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-19), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6680. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1057); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6681. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1056); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6682. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 14-3942); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6683. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Interior's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6684. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-378, "Residential Real Property Equity and Transparency Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6685. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-376, "Fiscal Year 2014 Revised Budget Request Temporary Adjustment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 19, A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (Rept. No. 113-223).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2132. A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-224).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2686. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2687. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2688. A bill to ensure labor organization transparency and accountability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2689. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2690. A bill to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to ensure that student data handled by private companies is protected, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2691. A bill to encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2692. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2693. A bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2694. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2695. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault

prevention and response; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2696. A bill to require the Federal Reserve to make certain changes to the small bank holding company policy statement on assessment of financial and managerial factors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2697. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to clarify the application of the qualified mortgage rule to rural lenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2698. A bill to provide regulatory easement for lending institutions that enable a vibrant economy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2699. A bill to require the National Credit Union Administration to provide pass-through share insurance for the deposits or shares of any interest on lawyers trust accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2700. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to identify the persons who are eligible to request headstones or markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2701. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address certain inconsistencies between the self-attested information provided by an applicant in enrolling in a health plan on an Exchange and being determined eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions or in being determined to be eligible for enrollment in a State Medicaid plan or a State child health plan under the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the data received through the Federal Data Services Hub or from other data sources; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2702. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the social security number of the student and the employer identification number of the educational institution for purposes of education tax credits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2703. A bill to establish eligibility, assignment, training, and certification requirements for sexual assault forensic examiners for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. REED):

S. 2704. A bill to prohibit the award of Federal Government contracts to inverted domestic corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2705. A bill to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research and environmental information sharing program to support renewable energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2706. A bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2707. A bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2708. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2709. A bill to extend and reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2710. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2711. A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2712. A bill to amend section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for

public service loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2713. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. Res. 529. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and commending its members for their courage and sacrifice in service to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 530. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 758

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to establish a comprehensive literacy program.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1089

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1330

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1330, a bill to delay the implementation of the employer responsibility provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1381

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 1397

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr.

WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1710

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1710, a bill to require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 1842, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2003, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit for certain property under construction.

S. 2023

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2023, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2075, a bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms.

BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2109, a bill to eliminate duplicative, outdated, or unnecessary Congressionally mandated Federal agency reporting.

S. 2115

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2115, a bill to provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

S. 2133

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal antidiscrimination claims.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2333

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2333, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms.

BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2515

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2515, a bill to ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries have the opportunity to receive care in a home and community-based setting.

S. 2543

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2611

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2611, a bill to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border and for other purposes.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2631

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2631, a bill to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012.

S. 2655

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2655, a bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.

S. 2673

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2673, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from

Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 517

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 517, a resolution expressing support for Israel's right to defend itself and calling on Hamas to immediately cease all rocket and other attacks against Israel.

SENATE RESOLUTION 519

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 519, a resolution designating August 16, 2014, as "National Airborne Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 526

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 526, a resolution supporting Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Cramming on Wireless Phone Bills: A Review of Consumer Protection Practices and Gaps."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, at 2 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The African Growth and Opportunity Act at 14: The Road Ahead."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30,

2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Paid Family Leave: The Benefits for Businesses and Working Families."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "When Catastrophe Strikes: Responses to Natural Disasters in Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "VAWA Next Steps: Protecting Women from Gun Violence."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST,
COMPETITION POLICY, AND
CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 30, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Pricing Policies and Competition in the Contact Lens Industry: Is What You See What You Get?"

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING,
TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Flood Insurance Claims Process in Communities After Sandy: Lessons Learned and Potential Improvements."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS,
FORESTS, AND MINING

The Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 30, 2014, in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Admitted or Not? The Impact of Medicare Observation Status on Seniors."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1799. An act to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

At 1:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3896. An act to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel for purposes of such Act.

H.R. 4315. An act to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4626. An act to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4709. An act to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4809. An act to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5062. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.

At 3:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4028. An act to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 5:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist

organizations in violation of international humanitarian law.

H. Con. Res. 111. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3230.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3230) to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4315. An act to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4709. An act to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5062. To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4626. An act to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. CASEY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2709) to extend and reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, and Mr. KAINE), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. CASEY asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. CASEY objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648; that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the time from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. be controlled by Mr. SESSIONS; that the time from 11 a.m. until 12 noon be controlled by the majority; and that the time during adjournment be counted against the time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CASEY,

At 7:26 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 31, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2709) to extend and reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, and Mr. KAINE), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 3086

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3086) to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,
Ms. HEITKAMP objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2735

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (S. 2735) to provide for an extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act, introduced on today by Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,
Ms. AYOTTE objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2673

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2673) to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,
Mr. CORKER objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2648

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2648.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

After debate,
Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, having concluded,

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2648) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3750).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 3751).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3752).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3752) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 3753).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking "4 days," and inserting "5 days" (being amendment No. 3754).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the bill S. 2648; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2648:

HARRY REID, BARBARA MIKULSKI, PATTY MURRAY, DEBBIE STABENOW, DICK DURBIN, B.L. SANDERS, BARBARA BOXER, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., ELIZABETH WARREN, TIM KAINE, CHRIS COONS, MARK PRYOR, RON WYDEN, MICHAEL F. BENNET, BEN CARDIN, CHUCK SCHUMER, CHRIS MURPHY, PATRICK LEAHY.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3754 to amendment No. 3753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3752) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION
S.J. RES. 19

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER FOR FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2648
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate resume consideration of bill S. 2648; that the time until 6:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, at 6:45 p.m., Mr. MCCONNELL, or his designee, be recognized to move to table amendment No. 3751; that, if a motion to table is not agreed to, Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, be recognized to raise a Budget Act point of order against said bill; that, if said point of order is raised, Ms. MIKULSKI, or her designee, be recognized to make a motion to waive in relation thereto; that, if a motion to waive is made, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion; that, if the motion to waive is agreed to, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2648; that, if said motion is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the pending amendments be withdrawn; that the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL
H.R. 3230

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the conference report on the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to

members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period; that Mr. COBURN, or his designee, be recognized to raise a Budget Act point of order against the conference report; that, if said point of order is raised, Mr. SANDERS be recognized to make a motion to waive in relation thereto; that, if the motion to waive is made, there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between Mr. COBURN and Mr. SANDERS, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive; that, if the motion to waive is agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the conference report; that the conference report receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, if agreed to, the Senate proceed to consider concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 111) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3230; that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL
H.R. 5021

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the conference report on bill H.R. 3230, the Chair lay before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; that the majority leader be recognized to make a motion to recede from the amendment of the Senate thereto; that Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, be recognized to raise a point of order against the bill; that, if said point of order is raised, Mr. WYDEN, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to waive in relation thereto; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, on said motion; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive; that no other motion be in order; and that, if said motion is agreed to, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to recede from its amendment to the bill.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 2648.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3754 to amendment No. 3753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3752) contained in the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

Mr. CORNYN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order to propose his amendment No. 2747.

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3754 to amendment No. 3753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3752) contained in the motion to commit.

Pending debate,

Mr. MCCAIN asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments be laid aside; and that it be in order to propose his amendment No. 3742.

Mr. DURBIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3754 to amendment No. 3753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3752) contained in the motion to commit.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS to lay amendment No. 3751 on the table.

On motion by Mr. SESSIONS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by three-fifths of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 43, nays... 52

[Rollcall Vote No. 251 Leg.]

YEAS --- 43

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3754 to amendment No. 3753 to the instructions (designated

amendment No. 3752) contained in the motion to commit.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the remaining votes each be 10 minutes in duration.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3754 to amendment No. 3753 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3752) contained in the motion to commit.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

Mr. SESSIONS raised a point of order, viz, that the pending bill violates section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI, under section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act, to waive provisions of the Act and law, for consideration of the pending bill.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 50, nays... 44

[Rollcall Vote No. 252 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 44

Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

The motion to waive not having been agreed to,

The question recurring on the point of order raised by Mr. SESSIONS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER held the point of order well-taken, and the bill not in order.

OBJECTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 76

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) making continuing

appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) by Ms. MIKULSKI, relative to the Israeli Iron Dome, and combating wildfires in western states, be proposed and agreed to; that the joint resolution, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN objected.

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After debate,

Mr. COBURN objected.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON BILL H.R. 3230

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3230) making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

Pending debate,

Mr. COBURN raised a point of order, viz, that the emergency designation contained in section 803(b) of the pending conference report violates section 403(e)(1) of resolution S. Res. 13 (111th Congress), and therefore is not in order.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS, pursuant section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and section 4(g)(3) of Public Law 111-139, to waive provisions of the Budget Act and law, and Budget resolutions, for consideration of the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. SANDERS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 86, nays... 8

[Rollcall Vote No. 253 Leg.]

YEAS --- 86

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Risch, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 8

Barrasso, Coburn, Corker, Enzi, Flake, Johnson (WI), Lee, Sessions.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the conference report.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. BARRASSO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the conference report.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 91, nays... 3

[Rollcall Vote No. 254 Leg.]

YEAS --- 91

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy,

Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 3

Coburn, Corker, Sessions.

So the conference report was agreed to.

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL H.R. 3230

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 111) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of bill H.R. 3230, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Pursuant to the order of today,

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of the message from the House relative to bill H.R. 5021, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; that, if said motion is agreed to, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; that the Senate then proceed to executive session to vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination; that, if the nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL

H.R. 5021

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the message received from the House of Representatives announcing it had disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to

the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate recede from its amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to pending motion.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 81, nays... 13

[Rollcall Vote No. 255 Leg.]

YEAS --- 81

Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 13

Carper, Coburn, Corker, Cruz, Flake, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, Paul, Portman, Rubio, Scott, Sessions.

So the motion to recede was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote), during which the following occurred:

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 76

Mr. REID, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; that an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be proposed on behalf of Ms. MIKULSKI, and agreed to; that the joint resolution, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. ENZI,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Thursday, July 31, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1799. A bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6686. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenazate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9912-92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6687. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of one (1) officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general, as indicated, in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6688. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (9) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6689. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (25) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6690. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Refinancing an Existing Cooperative Under Section 207

Pursuant to Section 223(f) of the National Housing Act" (RIN2502-AI92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6691. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6692. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2014" ((RIN3150-AJ32)(NRC-2013-0276)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6693. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Redesignation Requests, Associated Maintenance Plans, and Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standards, and the 2007 Comprehensive Emissions Inventory for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9914-53-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6694. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Nebraska; Fine Particulate Matter New Source Review Requirements" (FRL No. 9914-52-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6695. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 9914-48-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6696. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9914-45-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6697. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Navajo Nation; Regional Haze Requirements for Navajo Generating Station" (FRL No. 9914-62-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6698. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Controls and Physical Security Standards" ((RIN3150-AJ33)(NRC-2014-0007)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6699. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Homeland Security Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6700. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, United States Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report to Congress entitled "Americans with Disabilities Act Inspections Relating to Public Services and Accommodations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6701. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Zone Buffalo" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0081)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6702. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Lake Michigan; Winnetka, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-

0259)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6703. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Patapsco River; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0201)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6704. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Columbus Road Bridge Installation, Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0556)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6705. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2014 Fireworks Displays in Northern New England" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0491)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6706. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Belt Parkway Bridge Construction, Gerritsen Inlet; Brooklyn, NY - Correction" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0471)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6707. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Marine Week Seattle Seahawks Demonstration, Lake Washington; Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0574)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6708. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Upper Hiwassee Highlands Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6709. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6710. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6711. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6712. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NFS); Contractor Whistleblower Protections" (RIN2700-AE08), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6713. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2014 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications" (RIN0648-XD092), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6714. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Suncoast Offshore Grand Prix; Gulf of Mexico, Sarasota, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0789)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6715. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation and Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast Guard District" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0095)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July

30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6716. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Venice, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0848)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6717. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-AC13)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0410)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6718. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area and Safety Zone: Tappan Zee Bridge Construction Project, Hudson River; South Nyack and Tarrytown, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00; 1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0705)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6719. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lifesaving Equipment: Production Testing and Harmonization with International Standards" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2010-0048)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6720. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quarterly Listings; Safety Zones, Security Zones, Special Local Regulations, Drawbridge Operation Regulations and Regulated Navigation Areas" (Docket No. USCG-2014-0567), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6721. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Malibu Coast Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC01), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1771. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-225).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1800. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets (Rept. No. 113-226).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1946. A bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations (Rept. No. 113-227).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1965. A bill to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services (Rept. No. 113-228).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2010. A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-229).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 2019. A bill to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act (Rept. No. 113-230).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1963. A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-231).

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 2741. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-233).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2250. A bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-234).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 231. A bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp (Rept. No. 113-235).

S. 1214. A bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government (Rept. No. 113-236).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1486. A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service (Rept. No. 113-237).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1961. A bill to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-238).

S. 2042. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-239).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2519. A bill to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity (Rept. No. 113-240).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 606. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building".

H.R. 1671. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office".

H.R. 2291. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New

York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office".

H.R. 3472. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3765. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building".

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4194. A bill to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4197. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes.

S. 2117. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2714. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 2715. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2716. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the sites associated with the forced relocation and confinement of the Aleut people during World War II in the State of Alaska as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2717. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a refundable credit

for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2718. A bill to promote youth athletic safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2719. A bill to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies including the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and National Science Foundation, to designate United States manufacturing universities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2720. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to high priority corridors on the National Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2721. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to weight limitations for natural gas vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 2722. A bill to facilitate identification and dissemination of evidence-informed recommendations for addressing maternal addiction and neonatal abstinence syndrome and to provide for studies with respect to neonatal abstinence syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2723. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 2724. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of small business start-up savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2725. A bill to address noncompliance by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2726. A bill to clarify the definition of nonadmitted insurer under the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2727. A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2728. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide community-based medical education payments to primary care teaching centers, to provide for a Medicare indirect medical education performance adjustment, and to increase Medicare graduate medical education transparency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2729. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2730. A bill to establish or integrate an online significant event tracker (SET) system for tracking, reporting, and summarizing exposures of members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve components thereof, to traumatic events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2731. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2732. A bill to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2733. A bill to establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health

insurance mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2734. A bill to improve timber management of Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2735. A bill to provide for an extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2736. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent identity theft related tax refund fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2737. A bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2738. A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2739. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make qualified biogas property eligible for the energy credit and to permit new clean renewable energy bonds to finance qualified biogas property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 2740. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2741. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2742. A bill to provide for public notice and input prior to the closure, consolidation,

or public access limitation of field or hearing offices of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COATS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2743. A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2744. A bill to authorize a settlement in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Department of the Interior, and counties within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2745. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2746. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 2747. A bill to require Federal agencies to review certain rules and regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2748. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 2749. A bill to establish a board of directors and CEO to oversee the Federal Exchange and State Exchanges, and to provide health insurance oversight; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 2750. A bill to encourage investments in airports through public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2751. A bill to provide payments to States for activities to expand early voting

access, provide for an equitable distribution of early voting polling locations, including early voting polling locations on Indian tribal land, and to implement voter registration reforms for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2752. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the disclosure of certain expenditures under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2753. A bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists by low-income local educational agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 2754. A bill to provide limits on bundling, to reform the lobbyist registration process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2755. A bill to prevent deaths occurring from drug overdoses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LEE):

S. 2756. A bill to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COONS, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2757. A bill to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2758. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to modernize C-130 aircraft using alternative communication, navigation, surveillance, and air traffic management program kits and to ensure that such aircraft meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2759. A bill to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the

St. Clair Regional Airport; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 2760. A bill to extend National Highway Traffic Safety Administration authorizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2761. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to permit the consolidation of metropolitan planning organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2762. A bill to prevent future propane shortages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2763. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to create a collaborative network with a single point of entry for services and supports, to improve programs to prevent elder financial exploitation, to create a community care wrap-around support demonstration program, and to create a national campaign to raise awareness of the aging network and promote advance integrated long-term care planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2764. A bill to support country-of-origin labeling, ban imports of fresh meat and meat food products from countries with foot-and-mouth disease, reform certain livestock programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2765. A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2766. A bill to combat terrorism and promote reform in the Palestinian Authority and the United Nations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 2767. A bill to prohibit the fraudulent transfer of custody of unaccompanied alien children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2768. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to expand the use of categorical exclusions for hazardous fuel reduction projects; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2769. A bill to ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal Government actions by amending the prohibition on the exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2770. A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2771. A bill to establish a WaterSense program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2772. A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2773. A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 531. A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Louis Zamperini and expressing condolences on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 532. A resolution designating the week beginning September 7, 2014, as "National Direct Support Professionals

Recognition Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 533. A resolution designating September 2014 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 534. A resolution designating September 6, 2014, as "Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 535. A resolution to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Con. Res. 42. A concurrent resolution recognizing caregiving as a profession and the extraordinary contributions of paid and family caregivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to

improve the retirement of American families by strengthening Social Security.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 754

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] were added as cosponsors of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to

amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1030

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1030, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1477

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1477, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 1555

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1555, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a delay in the implementation schedule of the reductions in disproportionate share hospital payments, and for other purposes.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1645, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1904

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1904, a bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

S. 1974

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1974, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2143

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2309

At the request of Mrs. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2309, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2333

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2333, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

S. 2340

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2396

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2396, a bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2501, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs.

GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2513

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2513, a bill to establish a demonstration project for competency-based education.

S. 2520

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2520, a bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

S. 2527

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2527, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 2543

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2547

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 2552

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2552, a bill to enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market, and for other purposes.

S. 2567

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2567, a bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of

records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2591, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2609

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2609, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 2631

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2631, a bill to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012.

S. 2650

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2650, a bill to provide for congressional review of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 2659

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2659, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their services, and for other purposes.

S. 2660

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2660, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes.

S. 2664

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2664, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prohibit the exercise of any waiver of the imposition of certain sanctions with respect to Iran unless the President certifies to Congress that the waiver will not result in the provision of funds to the Government of Iran for activities in support of international terrorism, to develop nuclear weapons, or to violate the human rights of the people of Iran.

S. 2685

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2685, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 2687

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2687, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2693

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2693, a bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2703

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2703, a bill to establish eligibility, assignment, training, and certification requirements for sexual assault forensic examiners for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2709

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2709, a bill to extend and reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2709, supra.

S. 2710

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms.

KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2710, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 513

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 513, a resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

SENATE RESOLUTION 522

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 522, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C., from August 4 through 6, 2014.

SENATE RESOLUTION 530

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 530, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING,
AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Financial Products for Students: Issues and Challenges."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building a hearing entitled "Domestic Challenges and Global Competition in Aviation Manufacture."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2014, at 3 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2014, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the GAO Report on Expectations of Government Support for Bank Holding Companies."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5195. An act to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

At 4:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 1799. An act to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4450. An act to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) stated that, pursuant to section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, a

section 306 point of order having been sustained on bill S. 2648, the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations; all amendments to the bill fell, and the motion to bring to a close debate thereon was rendered moot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING THE "JASON CRISP FOREST SERVICE BUILDING"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4360) to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the "Jason Crisp Forest Service Building," received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on June 18, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMBATING AUTISM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4631) to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on June 25, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

IMPROVING TRAUMA CARE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3548) to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "WILLIAM H. GRAY III 30TH STREET STATION"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4838) to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as "30th Street Station," as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPROVING AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VIETNAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 36) relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The joint resolution, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN EXIT PERMIT ISSUANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 502) concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW UPRISING

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 513) honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONDEMNING THE DOWNING OF MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT 17 AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 520) condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and

expressing condolences to the families of the victims.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. MURPHY) to amend the preamble in the fourth whereas clause, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3779).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE SUPPORTING THE U.S.- AFRICA LEADERS SUMMIT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 522) expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C., from August 4 through 6, 2014.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS SEMIPOSTAL STAMP REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 231) to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 532) designating the week beginning September 7, 2014, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week," submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr.

KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. WARREN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 533) designating September 2014 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN AND MARIGOLD DAY"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 534) designating September 6, 2014, as "Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day," submitted today by Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A REVISED EDITION OF THE SENATE RULES AND MANUAL

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 535) to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual, submitted today by Mr. SCHUMER, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2772) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. FLAKE, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. PRYOR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. PRYOR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2773) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. PRYOR asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. PRYOR objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAJORITY LEADER

MEDAL OF VALOR REVIEW BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 110-298, had appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Michael Harris, of Nevada; and that, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, had appointed Berl Perdue, of Kentucky, to serve as a member of the Medal of Valor Review Board.

APPOINTMENT BY MINORITY
LEADER
STATE AND LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT CONGRESSIONAL
BADGE OF BRAVERY BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 110-298, had appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mike Hettich, of Kentucky.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 11 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 11:15 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014

Mr. TIM KAINE, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. KAINE led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 1, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TIM KAINE, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. KAINE took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2772) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. FLAKE, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2773) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. NELSON) to amend (perfect) the pending joint resolution by striking all after the first word, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3780).

The (perfecting) amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution, as amended.

The joint resolution, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Ms. MIKULSKI), so as to read: "A bill making an emergency supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to provide funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats."

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION
S.J. RES. 19

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2774. A bill to require all recreational vessels to have and to post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2775. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt aircraft management services from the ticket tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2776. A bill to establish a Carbon Capture and Sequestration Deployment Acceleration Fund to promote the establishment of not fewer than 10 commercial-scale carbon capture and sequestration units in the United States during the next 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MORAN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 536. A resolution designating September 2014 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 537. A resolution reaffirming support for Israel's right to defend its citizens and ensure the survival of the State of Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 2100

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions.

S. 2194

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2194, a bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 2483

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2483, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 2593

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2593, a bill to amend the FLAME Act of 2009 to provide for additional wildfire suppression activities, to provide for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2649

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2649, a bill to provide certain legal relief from politically motivated charges by the Government of Egypt.

S. 2685

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2685, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 2692

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] and the Senator from Rhode

Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2692, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 2766

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2766, a bill to combat terrorism and promote reform in the Palestinian Authority and the United Nations, and for other purposes.

S. 2768

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2768, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to expand the use of categorical exclusions for hazardous fuel reduction projects.

SENATE RESOLUTION 525

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 525, a resolution designating July 30, 2014, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 526

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 526, a resolution supporting Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 530

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 530, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:41 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 935. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.

At 1:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one

of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3230. An act to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5021. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REID).

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 935. An act to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 594. To amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2673

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2673) to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,
Mr. SESSIONS objected.
Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 19

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 19.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 19:

HARRY REID, PATRICK J. LEAHY, TOM UDALL, DEBBIE STABENOW, CHRIS MURPHY, CHUCK SCHUMER, JAY ROCKEFELLER, MARIA CANTWELL, PATTY MURRAY, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, BILL NELSON, TOM HARKIN, DICK DURBIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, AL FRANKEN, AMY KLOBUCHAR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion on Monday, September 8, 2014, when the Senate resumes its legislative session following a vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Jill Pryor, as pursuant to the order of yesterday.

MONEY REMITTANCES IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4386) to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,
The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.
A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BOXER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5195) to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER SCOTT POST OFFICE BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 606) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,
The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "JAMES 'JIM' KOHNEN POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1671) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,
The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "VINCENT R. SOMBROTTO POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2291) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,
The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SERGEANT
BRETT E. GORNEWICZ MEMORIAL
POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3472) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "SPECIALIST
RYAN P. JAYNE POST OFFICE
BUILDING"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3765) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building".

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL
OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 536) designating September 2014 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month", submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MORAN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. HELLER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF
ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Monday, September 8, 2014, the majority leader, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CARDIN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the order of today, on Monday, September 8, 2014, following the vote on the confirmation of Jill A. Pryor, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, the nomination of Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, the nomination of Alan L. Cohen, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, and the nomination of Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL 11
A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014; that, on Tuesday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for five minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 2:39 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

(Legislative day of Friday, August 1, 2014)

Mr. CARL LEVIN, from the State of Michigan, called the Senate to order at 11 a.m., the Reverend Adam Briddell, Associate Pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C. offered a prayer, and Mr. LEVIN led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, August 5, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 1, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

LEADER TIME RESERVED

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 1, 2014,

The times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 1, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) making an emergency supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to provide funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats, and further that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the aforementioned joint resolution.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3548. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

H.R. 4360. An act to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the "Jason Crisp Forest Service Building".

H.R. 4631. An act to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4838. An act to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as "30th Street Station", as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 1, 2014, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on August 4, 2014 by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York,

as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building".

H.R. 1671. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office".

H.R. 2291. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office".

H.R. 3472. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3765. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building".

H.R. 4386. An act to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5195. An act to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution making an emergency supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to provide funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 1, 2014, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015" (Rept. No. 113-241).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2040. A bill to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-242).

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products

manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2687

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2687, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2692

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2692, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 2771

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2771, a bill to establish a WaterSense program, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5230. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5272. An act to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL
ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE
TWO HOUSES

On the request of Mr. COONS,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 112) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, during the recess of the Senate, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. COONS,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5230) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. COONS asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. COONS objected.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. COONS,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5272) to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. COONS asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. COONS objected.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS
DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the PRESIDENT of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, committees be authorized to "file" legislative and executive reports on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:15 A.M. ON FRIDAY,
AUGUST 8, 2014, FOR PRO FORMA
SESSION, FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:15 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma session; and that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014, as pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 112.

Ordered further, That, on Monday, September 8, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; and that the Senate then vote on the question of

confirmation of the nomination, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 31, 2014.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 11:34 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 112, until 9:15 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014

Mr. CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, from the State of Delaware, called the Senate to order at 9:15:35 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, August 8, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. COONS took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Tuesday, August 5, 2014,

At 9:16:07 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Tuesday, August 5, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, August 5, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, August 5, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION

S.J. RES. 19

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5230) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5272) to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United

States, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and read the first time on that day; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, August 5, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 2014, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 26, 2014:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2113. A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-243).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 2117, A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-244).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2640. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-245).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 1447. A bill to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-246).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1468. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-247).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1691. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents (Rept. No. 113-248).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2323. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service (Rept. No. 113-249).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4002. A bill to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 919. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 1474. A bill to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 1574. A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes.

S. 1622. A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1948. A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2041. A bill to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2188. A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the

Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2299. A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2442. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2465. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2479. A bill to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada.

S. 2480. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6722. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of targeted airstrikes and humanitarian assistance in Iraq, received during adjournment of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6723. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of targeted air strikes in Iraq, received during adjournment of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6724. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of

targeted airstrikes in Iraq, received during adjournment of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6725. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6726. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of targeted airstrikes in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6727. A communication from the Deputy Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff of the National Security Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the War Powers Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6728. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Blueberries From Morocco Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD81)(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6729. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approved Tests for Bovine Tuberculosis in Cervids" (Docket No. APHIS-2014-0027), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6730. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice, Comment, and Appeal Procedures for National Forest System Projects and Activities and Project-Level Predecisional Administrative Review Process" (RIN0596-AD18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6731. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law Enforcement Support Activities" (RIN0596-AB61), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6732. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination in Programs or Activities Conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture" (RIN0503-AA52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6733. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Foreign Commercial Satellite Services" ((RIN0750-AI32)(DFARS Case 2014-D010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6734. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6735. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral and an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6736. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of eight (8) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6737. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense's facility repair and recapitalization goals; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6738. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for monthly basic pay increases for members of the uniformed services for 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6739. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6740. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program Regulations" (RIN2502-AJ24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6741. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6742. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debris Removal: Eligibility of Force Account Labor Straight-Time Costs under the Public Assistance Program for Hurricane Sandy" ((RIN1660-AA75)(44 CFR Part 206)(Docket No. FEMA-2012-0004)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6743. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6744. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6745. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6746. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency

Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6747. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6748. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6749. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Multifamily Mortgage Insurance; Capturing Excess Bond Proceeds" (RIN2502-AJ16), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6750. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6751. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule, Revisions to the Definition of Eligible Guarantee" (RIN1557-AD83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6752. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Defense Priorities and Allocations System Regulations" (RIN0694-AE81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6753. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Advanced Approaches Risk-Based Capital Rule, Revisions to the Definition of Eligible Guarantee" (RIN3064-AE13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6754. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wassenaar Arrangement 2013 Plenary Agreements Implementation: Commerce Control List, Definitions, and Reports; and Extension of Fly-by-Wire Technology and Software Controls" (RIN0694-AG05), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6755. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to the Export Administration Regulations: Update of Export Control Classification Number 0Y521 Series Supplement - Biosensor Systems and Related Software and Technology" (RIN0694-AG23), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6756. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG22), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6757. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to exempt all military

personnel accounts from sequester for fiscal year 2015, if sequester is necessary; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-6758. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to discretionary appropriations legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-6759. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Resolution, 2014, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) (i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, for the following account: "Department of Defense-Procurement-Procurement, Defense-Wide"; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-6760. A communication from the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the detailed boundaries for the Virgin Wild and Scenic River in Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6761. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. TX-066-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2014-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6762. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Generator Relay Loadability and Revised Transmission Relay Loadability Reliability Standards" (RIN1902-AE81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6763. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve; Off-Road Vehicles" (RIN1024-AE14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2665. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-250).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2511. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the definition of substantial cessation of operations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2777. A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2778. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnaping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2779. A bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality; read the first time.

By Mr. NELSON:

S.J. Res. 42. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S.J. Res. 43. A joint resolution to authorize the use of force against the organization called the Islamic State in order to defend the American people and assist the Iraqi Government in expelling the Islamic State from their territory; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 434

At the request of Mr. WALSH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 434, a bill to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace

accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1008

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1008, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1533

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1533, a bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to

amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1811, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2042

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2100

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions.

S. 2207

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2207, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require all political committees to notify the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of receiving cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more from any contributor during a calendar year, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2207, supra.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is

commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2377

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2377, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2501, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2529

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2529, a bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2530

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2530, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and for other purposes.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2570

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2570, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining

under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2692

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2692, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 2693

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2693, a bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2701

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2701, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address certain inconsistencies between the self-attested information provided by an applicant in enrolling in a health plan on an Exchange and being determined eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions or in being determined to be eligible for enrollment in a State Medicaid plan or a State child health plan under the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the data received through the Federal Data Services Hub or from other data sources.

S. 2702

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2702, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the social security number of the student and the employer identification

number of the educational institution for purposes of education tax credits.

S. 2704

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2704, a bill to prohibit the award of Federal Government contracts to inverted domestic corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 2710

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2710, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

S. 2732

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. COBURN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2732, a bill to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 2737

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2737, a bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2742

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2742, a bill to provide for public notice and input prior to the closure, consolidation, or public access limitation of field or hearing offices of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2757

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2757, a bill to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 38

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Warren Weinstein should be returned home to his family.

SENATE RESOLUTION 410

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 410, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 530

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 530, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 536

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 536, a resolution designating September 2014 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month".

HOUSE BILLS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5230. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5272. An act to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 31, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 1, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION
S.J. RES. 19

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 1, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

Pursuant to the order of Friday, August 1, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 79, nays... 18

[Rollcall Vote No. 259 Leg.]

YEAS --- 79

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Sessions, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 18

Barrasso, Chambliss, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Lee, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Shelby, Thune, Toomey.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; JOINT
RESOLUTION INDEFINITELY
POSTPONED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 39) relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; and that the joint resolution be indefinitely postponed.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2779) to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, introduced today by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of one hour for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the

minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein.

Ordered further, That, following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 19.

Ordered further, That the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on tomorrow.

Ordered further, That time during adjournment, morning business, and recess count against the time for debate on the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 19, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:27 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND
PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2779) to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, introduced on yesterday by Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6764. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Taking of Northern Fur Seals on the Pribilof Islands; Final Annual Harvest Estimates for 2014-2016" (RIN0648-BE03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6765. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6766. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Material Advisor Penalty for Failure to Furnish Information Regarding Reportable Transactions" ((RIN1545-BF59)(TD 9686)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6767. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Tax Credit Guidance under Section 901(m)" (Notice 2014-45), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6768. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Segregation Rule Effective Date" ((RIN1545-BM18)(TD 9685)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6769. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dixon v. Commissioner, 141 T.C. No. 3 (2013)" (AOD 2014-01), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6770. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 National Pool" (Rev. Proc. 2014-52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6771. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification and Modification of Notice 2013-29 and Notice 2013-60" (Notice 2014-46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6772. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6773. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Awards for Information Relating to Detecting Underpayments of Tax or Violations of the Internal Revenue Laws" ((RIN1545-BL08)-(TD 9687)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6774. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2015" (RIN0938-AS07), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6775. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2015" ((RIN0938-AS09)(CMS-1608-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6776. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System - Update for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 (FY 2015)" ((RIN0938-AS08)(CMS-1606-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6777. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of the Treasury Regulations for the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund" ((RIN1505-AC44)-(31 CFR Part 34)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6778. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Manton Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6779. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1229); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6780. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1154); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6781. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to

a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1152); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6782. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1153); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6783. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2014-1173); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6785. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6786. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-061); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6787. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-075); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6788. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6789. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-055); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6790. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-086); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6791. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-040); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6792. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0090 - 2014-0094); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6793. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, eighteen (18) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of State, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6794. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority. Technical Assistance on State Data Collection--IDEA Data Management Center" (CFDA No. 84.373M.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6795. A communication from the Director, Office of Special Education Programs, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final priority. Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program--Rehabilitation Specialty Areas" (CFDA Nos. 84.129C, E, F, H, J, P, Q, R, and W.), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6796. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Simplification: Change to the Compliance Date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) Medical Data Code Sets" ((RIN0938-AS31)(CMS-0043-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6797. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Rehabilitation Services Administration-Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program" (CFDA No. 84.224D.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of

the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6798. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Technical Assistance on State Data Collection--IDEA Fiscal Data Center" (34 CFR Chapter III), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6799. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Technical Assistance on State Data Collection--IDEA Data Management Center" (CFDA No. 84.373M.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6800. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program--Rehabilitation Specialty Areas" ((34 CFR Chapter III)(Docket No. ED-2014-OSERS-0068)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6801. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities; Rehabilitation Services Administration--Capacity Building Program for Traditionally Underserved Populations--Vocational Rehabilitation Training Institute for the Preparation of Personnel in American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects" ((CFDA No. 84.315C.)(Docket No. ED-2014-OSERS-0024)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6802. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Final Priority. Rehabilitation Training: Job-Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center" (CFDA No. 84.264A.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6803. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6804. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6805. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6806. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Handling Retaliation Complaints Under the Employee Protection Provision of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010" (RIN1218-AC58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6807. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to the List of CBP Preclearance Offices in Foreign Countries: Addition of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates" (CBP Dec. 14-09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6808. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination Provisions" (RIN3206-AM77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6809. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phased Retirement" (RIN3206-AM71), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6810. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6811. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6812. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention and Sports Authority's (Trading As Events DC) Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6813. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the District's Eastern Market Program and Fund"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6814. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report on The Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6815. A communication from the General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6816. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veteran Hiring in the Civil Service: Practices and Perceptions"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6817. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during calendar year 2013 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6818. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Firearms Transaction Record, ATF Form 4473 (Low Volume) (2008R-21P)" (RIN1140-AA34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6819. A communication from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6820. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6821. A communication from the Chief of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance - Veterans' Group Life Insurance Regulation Update - ABO, VGLI Application, SGLI 2-Year Disability Extension" (RIN2900-AO74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6822. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities -- Mental Disorders and Definition of Psychosis for Certain VA Purposes" (RIN2900-AO96), received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6823. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance Information Access" (RIN2900-AO42), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6824. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to the Congressional Accountability Act, a report relative to proposed procedural rulemaking; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6825. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to the Congressional Accountability Act, a report relative to proposed rulemaking; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. 2780. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 2781. A bill to improve student and exchange visitor visa programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2782. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 538. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REID, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MACHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 539. A resolution relative to the death of James M. Jeffords, former United States Senator for the State of Vermont; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1495

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1495, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1628

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1628, a bill to provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Department of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 2156

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2156, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2223, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

S. 2258

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2258, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2462

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2462, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain educational institutions from the employer health insurance mandate.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2496, a bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2591, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2643

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2643, a bill to require a report by the Federal Communications Commission on designated market areas.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2650

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2650, a bill to provide for congressional review of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 2655

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2655, a bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2706

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2706, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 2709

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2709, a bill to extend and reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2710

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2710, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

S. 2732

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2732, a bill to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. FRANKEN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Wall Street Reform: Assessing and Enhancing the Financial Regulatory System."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate of September 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2014, at 4 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "CLOSED/TS/SCI: Arms Control Compliance Issues."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Sharon Block to serve as a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Programs for Equipping State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the state of VA health care.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 231. An act to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 78. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building".

H.R. 744. An act to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2495. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2819. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, as the "Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3109. An act to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3957. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4189. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4283. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial

recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4443. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building".

H.R. 4527. An act to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4651. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas, as the "Specialist Keith Erin Grace, Jr. Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4939. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the "Neil Havens Post Office".

H.R. 5019. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office".

H.R. 5030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the "Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building".

H.R. 5089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office".

H.R. 5106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building".

H.R. 5309. An act to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 120. Joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 78. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2495. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the

high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2819. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, as the "Veterans Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 3957. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4189. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4283. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4443. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4527. An act to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4651. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas as the "Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr. Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4939. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the "Neil Havens Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5019. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New

York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the "Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5309. An act to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 744. An act to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 19

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Friday, August 1, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:56 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 19

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 19.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVEY THE CLIFFORD P. HANSEN FEDERAL COURTHOUSE BACK TO TETON COUNTY, WYOMING

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1934) to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming."

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FEDERAL LAND CONVEYANCE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 898) to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE TO THE FAMILIES OF JAMES FOLEY AND STEVEN SOTLOFF

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 538) expressing the condolences of the Senate to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, submitted today by Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF JAMES M. JEFFORDS

On the request of Mr. BROWN,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 539) relative to the death of James M. Jeffords, former United States Senator for the State of Vermont, submitted today by Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms.

STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider joint resolution S.J. Res. 19; that, at 2 p.m. on tomorrow, time for debate thereon, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to proceed thereto.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT
ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks of Mr. RUBIO.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 6:53 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of resolution S. Res. 539, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator James M. Jeffords, of Vermont, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,
2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 10, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER JOINT RESOLUTION
S.J. RES. 19

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Friday, August 1, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

The hour of 2 p.m. having passed,

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, having concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION RELATING TO
CONTRIBUTIONS AND
EXPENDITURES INTENDED TO
AFFECT ELECTIONS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in Section 1, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3791).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3792).

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the language of the joint resolution proposed to be stricken by the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), in Section 1, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3793).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3794).

On motion by Mr. REID to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3795).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No.

3795) contained in the pending motion to recommit by striking "system," and inserting "process" (being amendment No. 3796).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3797).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending joint resolution; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on joint resolution S.J. Res. 19:

HARRY REID, PAT LEAHY, TOM UDALL, BERNIE SANDERS, JEFFREY A. MERKLEY, MARK BEGICH, JOE MANCHIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, TAMMY BALDWIN, MAZIE HIRONO, SHERROD BROWN, ELIZABETH WARREN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, ROBERT P. CASEY, AL FRANKEN, S. WHITEHOUSE, DICK DURBIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3797 to amendment No. 3796 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3795) contained in the motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

On motion by Mr. REID to proceed to consider the motion, entered by him on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, to reconsider the vote disagreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to reconsider.

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Monday, April 7, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

Pursuant to the order of Monday, April 7, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 73, nays... 25

[Rollcall Vote No. 260 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 25

Alexander, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Coats, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Johnson (WI), Lee, Moran, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter.

So, upon reconsideration, the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Monday, April 7, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 5272

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5272) to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. MENENDEZ objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, September 10, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S.231. A bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6826. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9913-99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6827. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Orange Peel Tincture; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9909-83), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6828. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "C.I. Pigment Red 112; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9914-14), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6829. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopicolide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9914-37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6830. A communication from the Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement" (RIN0599-AA18), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6831. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beef Promotion and Research; Reapportionment" (AMS-LPS-13-0079), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6832. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0054; FV14-906-3 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6833. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection" (RIN0583-AD32), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6834. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Transition Assistance Program and General Provisions for Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs" ((RIN0560-AI22)(7 CFR Part 1412)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6835. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Animal Welfare; Importation of Live Dogs" ((RIN0579-AD23)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0053)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6836. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Existing Conservation Program Regulations" ((RIN0578-AA60)(Docket No. NRCS-2014-0006)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6837. A communication from the Director of Congressional Activities (Intelligence), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of a study of security measures on United States military installations by June 24, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6838. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Burton M. Field, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6839. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of one (1) officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6840. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6841. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Compliance Recordkeeping Requirements" (RIN2506-AC34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2014; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6842. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Handling Prepayments: Eliminating Post-Payment Interest Charges" (RIN2502-AJ17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6843. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Adjustable Rate Mortgage Notification Requirements and Look-Back Period for FHA-Insured Single Family Mortgages" (RIN2502-AJ20), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6844. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Housing Program Fee: Final Fee Increase" (RIN2502-AJ19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6845. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary (Economic Policy), Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6846. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Russian Oil Industry Sanctions and Addition of Person to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6847. A communication from the Special Inspector General for the Troubled

Asset Relief Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the July 2014 Quarterly Report to Congress of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6848. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6849. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6850. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6851. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6852. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Understandings Reached at the 2005, 2012, and 2013 Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Plenary Meetings and a 2009 NSG Intersessional Decision; Additions to the List of NSG Participating Countries" (RIN0694-AD58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6853. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6854. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6855. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6856. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6857. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6858. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asset-Backed Securities Disclosure and Registration" (RIN3235-AK37), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6859. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6860. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Smart Grid System Report"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6861. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6862. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Air Toxics Program: The Second Integrated Urban Air Toxics Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6863. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Light Load Handling System and Refueling Cavity Design" (NRC-2013-0148), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6864. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maintenance Rule" (NRC-2013-0179), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6865. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, prospectuses that support the Administration's fiscal year 2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6866. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Sutter Basin Project in Sutter and Butte Counties, California, for the purpose of flood risk management; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6867. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The 2014 Radiation Source Protection and Security Task Force Report"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6868. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Revisions to Regulation Number 1; Correction" (FRL No. 9914-08-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6869. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Kent, Seattle, and Tacoma Second 10-Year PM10 Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9915-40-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6870. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9915-28-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6871. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Nitrogen Oxides and Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9913-00-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6872. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Certain Coals to Be Washed" (FRL No. 9915-30-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6873. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, Negative Declarations" (FRL No. 9914-75-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6874. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): Use of Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods for Permit Applications and Reporting" ((RIN2040-AC84)(FRL No. 9915-18-OW)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6875. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of

State Implementation Plans; Hawaii; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone and the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9914-62-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6876. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida; Infrastructure Requirement (Visibility) for the 1997 and 2006 PM, and 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 9915-65-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6877. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District And Shasta County Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9913-13-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6878. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations; Ambient standards for Particulate Matter and for Lead." (FRL No. 9915-75-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6879. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Residual Risk and Technology Review for Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production" (FRL No. 9914-30-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6880. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel

Additives: Extension of Compliance and Attest Engagement Reporting Deadlines for 2013 Renewable Fuel Standards" ((RIN2060-AS29)(FRL No. 9914-88-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6881. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Vehicle Rule - SCR Maintenance and Regulatory Flexibility for Nonroad Equipment" ((RIN2060-AR46)-(FRL No. 9914-63-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6882. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commonwealth of Virginia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9914-70-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6883. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Dumping: Cancellation and Modification of Final Site Designations" (FRL No. 9914-59-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6884. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Indiana PSD Increments" (FRL No. 9914-94-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6885. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide and 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9914-90-Region 10), received during adjournment of

the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6886. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revision to the Maintenance Plans for the Richmond 1990 1-Hour and Richmond-Petersburg 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Areas to Remove the State II Vapor Recovery Program" (FRL No. 9914-49-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6887. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revisions to the Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9914-54-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6888. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Finding of Failure to Submit a PSD State Implementation Plan Revision for PM2.5" (FRL No. 9914-95-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6889. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Removal of Two Operating Permits and a Consent Agreement for the Potomac River Generating Station from the State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9915-06-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-320. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that would limit corporate personhood for purposes of campaign finance and political speech; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, Corporations are legal entities that governments create and the rights that they enjoy under the United States Constitution should be more narrowly defined than the rights afforded to natural persons; and

Whereas, Corporations do not vote in elections and should not be categorized as persons for purposes related to elections for public office and ballot measures; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) 130 S.Ct. 876, held that the government may not, under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, suppress political speech on the basis of the speaker's corporate identity; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California, speaking on behalf of the people of the State of California, hereby applies to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that would limit corporate personhood for purposes of campaign finance and political speech and would further declare that money does not constitute speech and may be legislatively limited; and be it further

Resolved, That this constitutes a continuing application to call a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states apply to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution that would limit corporate personhood for purposes of campaign finance and political speech and would further declare that money does not constitute speech and may be legislatively limited; and be it further

Resolved, That this application is for a limited constitutional convention and does not grant Congress the authority to call a constitutional convention for any purpose other than for the sole purpose set forth in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1275. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program (Rept. No. 113-251).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 2052. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment (Rept. No. 113-252).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2783. A bill to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2784. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out activities to

improve rail safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2785. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2786. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent earnings stripping of domestic corporations which are members of a worldwide group of corporations which includes an inverted corporation and to require agreements with respect to certain related party transactions with those members; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2787. A bill to expand and clarify the prohibition on inaccurate caller ID information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2788. A bill to provide support for the development of middle school career exploration programs linked to career and technical education programs of study; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 2789. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2790. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to permit a prevailing party in an action or proceeding brought to enforce the Act to be awarded expert witness fees and certain other expenses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2791. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain

efficiency standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 540. A resolution recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 541. A resolution recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 933, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of

the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1535

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1535, a bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1945, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1955

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1955, a bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions.

S. 2199

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 2258

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2258, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2543

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2546

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2546, a bill to repeal a requirement that new employees of certain employers be automatically enrolled in the employer's health benefits.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2687

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2687, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2689

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr.

COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2707

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2707, a bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account.

S. 2758

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2758, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to modernize C-130 aircraft using alternative communication, navigation, surveillance, and air traffic management program kits and to ensure that such aircraft meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 41, a joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 466

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 466, a resolution designating the week of October 27 through November 2, 2014, as "National Drug Take-Back Week", and designating October 2014 as "National Prescription Opioid and Heroin Abuse Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 538

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 538, a resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10,

2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Freight Rail Service: Improving the Performance of America's Rail System."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorize to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity, Terrorism, and Beyond: Addressing Evolving Threats to the Homeland."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Irrigation Projects in Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND
ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-301 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Indebted for Life: Older Americans and Student Loan Debt."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 669. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

H.R. 3670. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of

inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4067. An act to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.

H.R. 4290. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

H.R. 4701. An act to provide for research with respect to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5078. An act to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

At 1:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 231. An act to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 669. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3670. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4701. To provide for research with respect to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4290. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2154) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GOLD STAR FATHERS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2323) to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENTIAL AND FEDERAL RECORDS ACT AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1233) to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments to the bill.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK WEEK" AND "NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIOID AND HEROIN ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 466) designating the week of October 27 through November 2, 2014, as "National Drug Take-Back Week," and designating October 2014 as "National Prescription Opioid and Heroin Abuse Awareness Month."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPROVING THE LOCATION OF A MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE THE SLAVES AND FREE BLACK PERSONS WHO FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 120) approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5078) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, following the vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on joint resolution S.J. Res. 19, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of John Hoover, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, David Radzanowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Miranda A. A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Judith M. Davenport, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate on each, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the thousands of Americans whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001; that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2199; and that time during adjournment, recess, and morning business count against time for debate thereon, as pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to joint resolution S.J. Res. 19 until 12 noon on tomorrow, and second-degree amendments until 1 p.m. on tomorrow.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. SESSIONS.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,

At 6:39 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 11, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate observed a moment of silence in tribute to the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5078) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the motion, made by Mr. REID on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That time for debate on the pending motion to proceed, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded; and that the Senate proceed to consider the bill.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending bill on page 20, line 4, by striking “6 months,” and inserting “7 months” (being amendment No. 3800).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking “7” and inserting “8” (being amendment No. 3801).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3802).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3802) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking “7 months” and inserting “8 months” (being amendment No. 3803).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking “8” and inserting “9” (being amendment No. 3804).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on pending bill S. 2199; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2199:

HARRY REID, T.R. HARKIN, BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, BEN CARDIN, DICK DURBIN, MARIA CANTWELL, MAZIE K. HIRONO, KAY R. HAGAN, JACK REED, PATTY MURRAY, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, BARBARA BOXER, S. WHITEHOUSE, AMY KLOBUCHAR, CHUCK SCHUMER.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3804 to amendment No. 3803 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3802) contained in the motion to commit the pending bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

ORDER RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 19 ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 1:45 p.m. on today, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO CONSIDERATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 19

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that, when the Senate resumes consideration of

joint resolution S.J. Res. 19, it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 3786).

Mr. MURPHY objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON JOINT RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 19

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of today,

Time for debate pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate having concluded,

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on joint resolution S.J. Res. 19.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 261 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to executive session;
and after the consideration of executive
business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the
motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the
motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION RELATIVE TO
CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2199

Ms. AYOTTE asked unanimous consent that
when the Senate resumes consideration of bill
S. 2199, it be in order for her to propose her
amendment (Numbered 3808).

Mr. MURPHY objected.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
CERTAIN NOMINATIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That it be in order to proceed to
consider certain nominations reported by the
Committee on Environment and Public
Works on today.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the foregoing order,

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate
proceed to executive session to consider the
nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of
Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear
Regulatory Commission for the remainder of
the term expiring June 30, 2015.

The question being on agreeing to the
motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session;
and after the consideration of executive
business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate
proceed to executive session to consider the
nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of
Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear
Regulatory Commission for the term of five
years expiring June 30, 2019.

The question being on agreeing to the
motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session;
and after the consideration of executive
business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL S. 2199

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII
of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the
Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the
motion to bring to a close debate on bill
S. 2199 at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September
15, 2014.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII
of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on
Monday, September 15, 2014, following the
vote on the question of agreeing to the
motion to bring to a close debate on bill
S. 2199, the Senate proceed to executive
session to vote on the question of agreeing to
the motions to bring to a close debate on the
nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran and
Stephen G. Burns; that, if a motion is agreed
to, on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 2:15
p.m., time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII
of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be
concluded; that the Senate then vote on
confirmation of the nominations in the order
that motions to bring to a close debate were
agreed to; that there be two minutes for
debate on each nomination prior to a vote
thereon; that each vote following the first be
10 minutes in duration on each day; that, if a
nomination is confirmed, a motion to
reconsider be considered made and laid on
the table; and that the President be
immediately notified of the Senate's action.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request
of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the
Senate proceed to a period for the transaction
of morning business, with Senators permitted
to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid
before the Senate, together with
accompanying papers, reports, and
documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6890. A communication from the
Acting Commissioner, Social Security
Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,
the Administration's 2014 Annual Report of
the Supplemental Security Income Program;
to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6891. A communication from the
Inspector General, Department of Health and
Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to
law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare
Contractor Information Security Program
Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the
Committee on Finance.

EC-6892. A communication from the
Secretary of Health and Human Services,
transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled
"Report to Congress on the Administration,
Cost, and Impact of the Quality Improvement
Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare
Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010"; to
the Committee on Finance.

EC-6893. A communication from the
Director, Office of Regulations and Reports
Clearance, Social Security Administration,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a
rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration
Date for State Disability Examiner Authority
to Make Fully Favorable Quick Disability
Determinations and Compassionate
Allowances" (RIN0960-AH69), received in
the Office of the President of the Senate on
September 8, 2014; to the Committee on
Finance.

EC-6894. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding
Dispositions of Tangible Depreciable
Property" ((RIN1545-BL52)(TD 9689)),
received during adjournment of the Senate in
the Office of the President of the Senate on
August 20, 2014; to the Committee on
Finance.

EC-6895. A communication from the Chief
of the Publications and Regulations Branch,
Internal Revenue Service, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the
report of a rule entitled "Procedures for
Automatic Change in Method of Accounting
under the Retail Inventory Method" (Rev.
Proc. 2014-48), received during adjournment
of the Senate in the Office of the President of
the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the
Committee on Finance.

EC-6896. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Insurance Providers Fee" (Notice 2014-47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6897. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retail Inventory Method" ((RIN1545-BJ64)(TD 9688)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6898. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debt That Is a Position in Personal Property That Is Part of a Straddle" ((RIN1545-BL24)(TD 9691)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6899. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - September 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6900. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Disaster Relief under Section 142(d)" (Rev. Proc. 2014-50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6901. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2015 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update; Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements and Process and Appeals for Part D Payment for Drugs for Beneficiaries Enrolled in Hospice" ((RIN0938-AS10)(CMS-1609-F)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6902. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Modifications to the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program for 2014 and Other Changes to the EHR Incentive Program; and Health Information Technology: Revisions to the Certified EHR Technology Definition and EHR Certification Changes Related to Standards" ((RIN0991-AB89 and RIN0991-AB97)(CMS-0046-F and CMS-0052-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6903. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2015 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Reasonable Compensation Equivalents for Physician Services in Excluded Hospitals and Certain Teaching Hospitals; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review; Enforcement Provisions for Organ Transplant Centers; and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program" ((RIN0938-AS11; RIN0938-AR12; RIN0938-AR53)(CMS-1607-F and CMS-1599-F3)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6904. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 14-3948); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6905. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-072); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6906. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-065); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6907. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-032); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6908. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of

Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6909. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6910. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of an agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6911. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Corrections, Clarifications, and Movement of Definitions" (RIN1400-AD64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6912. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-073); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6913. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the April 16, 2014 - June 14, 2014 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6914. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6915. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0095 - 2014-0112); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6916. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2014 Annual Report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6917. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1210-AB67), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6918. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" ((RIN0938-AR42)-(CMS-9939-IFC)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6919. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulations" (RIN0991-AB87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6920. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specifications for Medical Examinations of Coal Miners" (RIN0920-AA57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6921. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0011), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6922. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable

Care Act" ((RIN1545-BM38)(TD 9690)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6923. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final priorities. Rehabilitation Services Administration--Capacity Building Program for Traditionally Underserved Populations--Vocational Rehabilitation Training Institute for the Preparation of Personnel in American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects" (CFDA No. 84.315C.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6924. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final priority. Technical Assistance on State Data Collection--IDEA Fiscal Data Center" (CFDA No. 84.373F.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6925. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final priority. Rehabilitation Services Administration--Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program" (CFDA No. 84.224D.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6926. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final priority. Rehabilitation Training: Job-Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center" (CFDA No. 84.264A.), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6927. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6928. A communication from the General Manager and Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 report for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6929. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal years 2012 and 2013 annual reports relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6930. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Rescheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products From Schedule III to Schedule II" (Docket No. DEA-389), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6931. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6932. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the activities of the Community Relations Service for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6933. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substitution in Case of Death of Claimant" (RIN2900-AN91), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6934. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of certain U.S. forces to the Central African Republic, received during adjournment of the Senate on September 11, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-321. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of West Virginia urging the United States Congress to begin the process of amending the United States Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections or rights of natural persons, specifically so that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

Whereas, In 2010 the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, holding that independent spending on elections by corporations and other groups could not be limited by government regulations; and

Whereas, This decision rolled back the legal restrictions on corporate spending in the electoral process, allowing for the unlimited corporate spending to influence elections, candidate selection and policy decisions; and

Whereas, In reaching this decision, a narrow majority of the Supreme Court, relying on and expanding prior decisions, interpreted the First Amendment of the Constitution to afford corporations the same free speech protections as natural persons; and

Whereas, The Supreme Court relied on other prior decisions which afforded the spending, of money to influence elections the full protection of the First Amendment and disregarded the distorting and corrupting effects of unlimited money in elections; and

Whereas, In his eloquent dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens rightly recognized that, "corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and their 'personhood' often observes as a useful legal fiction; But they are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established"; and

Whereas, The court's decision in Citizens United severely hampers the ability of federal, state and local governments to enact reasonable campaign finance reforms and regulations regarding corporate political activity; and

Whereas, Corporations should not be afforded the entirety of protections or rights of natural persons, such that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is a form of constitutionally protected speech; and

Whereas, In 2012 the same narrow majority of the Supreme Court voted to strike down longstanding campaign finance laws in the State of Montana without hearing any evidence or argument on that state's own history and experience with corporate spending and corruption; and

Whereas, Several proposed amendments to the Constitution have been introduced in Congress that would allow government to regulate the raising and spending of Money by corporations to influence elections; and

Whereas, On Election Day, 2012, over six million voters across the United States, including the states of Colorado and Montana, had the opportunity to vote on state and local ballot measures, calling for a constitutional amendment to limit money in politics, and all proposed initiatives passed overwhelmingly, averaging, seventy-five percent support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate opposes the United States Supreme Court is interpretation of the Constitution in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission regarding the constitutional rights of corporations; supports an amendment to the Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the entirety of protections or rights of natural persons, specifically so that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is no longer a form of constitutionally protected speech; and calls on Congress to begin the process of amending the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate respectfully opposes the United States Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and related cases allowing unlimited corporate election spending; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate supports an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations are not entitled to the same rights and protection as natural persons under the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That such an amendment should assure the power of the federal, state and local governments to limit, regulate and require disclosure of sources of all Money spent to influence elections; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate charges the West Virginia Congressional Delegation with the duty to support such an amendment, to work diligently towards its passage and to vote at all stages to advance such legislation in the Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate declares its intention to ratify such an amendment if and when the Congress shall submit it to the states; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States and the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of both houses of Congress and to each United States Senator and Member of the House of Representatives from West Virginia.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 24

(By Senators Snyder, Kessler (Mr. President), Beach, Cann, Edgell, Fitzsimmons, Green, Laird, McCabe, Miller, Tucker, Unger, Wells, Yost, Plymale, Palumbo and Williams)

[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary]

Whereas, In 2010, the United States Supreme Court issued its ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission that enabled corporations and unions. to spend unlimited amounts of money in support of or in opposition to candidates for election; and

Whereas, The people of West Virginia and all other states should have the power to limit by law the extent to which money can be spent in their political systems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate hereby calls upon the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment addressing the Supreme Court. decision in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That the West Virginia Senate supports an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations and unions are not entitled to the same rights and protections as natural persons under the Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That such an amendment should assure the power of the federal, state and local governments to limit, regulate and require disclosure of sources of all money spent in the course of political elections; and be it further

Resolved, That the West Virginia Senate requests that the West Virginia Congressional Delegation support such an amendment, work diligently towards its passage and vote at all stages to advance such legislation in the Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States and the President pro Tempore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House. of Representatives, to the majority and minority leaders of both houses of Congress and to each United States Senator and Member of the House of Representatives from West Virginia.

POM-322. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the Congress of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution

that would provide for a balanced budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

Whereas, the failure of the federal budget process has produced an enormous federal budget deficit, and growing national debt presently burdens the American people and threatens to burden their descendants for generations to come; and

Whereas, the congressional practice of deficit spending and repeated raising of the ceiling on the federal debt has had the effect of endangering the jobs, incomes, retirement security, welfare, and future of American citizens; and

Whereas, such debt diverts scarce resources from crucial programs to pay interest on the national debt, constricts the ability of the federal government to address long-standing national problems and to respond to new needs, and increases pressures to raise taxes on the American people; and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that an amendment to the constitution may be proposed by congress, or on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, congress is required to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment, which, in either case, shall become part of the constitution when ratified by three-fourths of the several states: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the states for ratification, to require that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal outlays made by congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

Resolved, That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas; and that this application shall be aggregated with such applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention but shall not be aggregated with

applications on any other subject; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted by the secretary of state to the president and the secretary of the United States Senate, to the speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of this state's delegation to the congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of each state legislature in the United States, requesting their cooperation; and be it further

Resolved, That this application by this legislature supersedes all previous applications by this legislature on this same subject matter and that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made application for a similar convention pursuant to Article V.

POM-323. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution to provide for a balanced federal budget and limit the ability of Congress to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal funds, and rescinding all previous applications of the State of Florida for the calling of a federal constitutional convention to amend the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10

Whereas, fiscal discipline and economic integrity have been core principles of American governance, and

Whereas, the American people have historically demanded the same prudent, responsible, and intellectually honest financial behavior from their elected representatives as ultimately compels individual behavior, and

Whereas, it is the firm conviction of the Legislature of the State of Florida that it is wrong to fund the prosperity of the present generation by robbing future Americans of their own, and

Whereas, mortgaging the birthright of our children and grandchildren is a dangerous departure from traditional American values which threatens to permanently undermine the strength of our nation, and

Whereas, the national debt has nearly doubled over the past 8 years and Florida's share of that debt is \$727 billion, more than all Floridians make in wages and salaries in 2 years, and

Whereas, for the nation to pay off the entire federal debt by 2015, Congress would have to triple the federal income taxes of every

American and devote the increase exclusively to debt payments, and

Whereas, our debt is increasingly owed to the governments of foreign nations, not to the citizens of the United States; therefore, our wealth is transferred to others and will not be available to supply the means for America's future growth and prosperity, and

Whereas, this generation will bequeath to its children one of the world's most indebted industrial democracies, and

Whereas, high federal deficits cause increasingly high payments for debt interest in the future, make future borrowing more costly, reduce investment activity, and thus reduce the size of the future economy, and

Whereas, the people of Florida recognized the wisdom of fiscal discipline and enshrined in its State Constitution the requirement for a balanced budget to place a prudent limit on the tendencies of government, and

Whereas, the Florida Legislature has made fiscally responsible decisions, maintaining a balanced budget and saving the citizens of this State from crippling deficits, massive debt burdens, and bankruptcy, and

Whereas, we the Legislature of the State of Florida call for the Constitution of the United States to be amended to require the Federal Government to operate with fiscal responsibility, common sense, and the revenues granted to it by the people, and

Whereas, the Federal Government has for too long relied on revenue increases and borrowing against our future rather than on prudent spending decisions within the limits of current revenues, and

Whereas, lasting resolution of this nation's budget deficit can be achieved only by addressing the spending habits of our Federal Government, not by increasing the tax burden under which our citizens already labor, and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States makes provision for amending the Constitution on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, calling a convention for proposing amendments that shall be valid to all intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:

That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all due respect and great reluctance, does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States to call an Article V amendments convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States:

(1) To achieve and maintain a balanced budget by:

(a) Requiring that such balanced budget account for all obligations of the Federal Government;

(b) Allowing flexibility in federal balanced budget requirements by providing exceptions related to exigencies such as national emergencies or threats to the nation's security;

(c) Imposing spending limits on the Federal Government;

(d) Setting extraordinary vote requirements for new or increased federal taxes and other revenues; and

(e) Prohibiting federal mandates on states to impose taxes or fees.

(2) To control the ability of the Congress and the various federal executive agencies to require states to expend funds by:

(a) Limiting the ability of Congress and the various federal executive agencies to pass legislation requiring states to spend money or to take actions requiring the expenditure of money unless federal funds are provided in ongoing amounts sufficient to offset the full costs of such requirements; and

(b) Limiting the ability of Congress to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal funds other than such requirements as may be necessary to measure outcomes to be achieved through the expenditure of the federal funds, leaving to the several states the ability to decide how to best accomplish those outcomes; and be it further

Resolved, That this concurrent resolution supersedes all previous memorials applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, including Senate Memorial 234 and House Memorial 2801, both passed in 1976, and superseded, revoked, and withdrawn in 1988 by Senate Memorial 302, and that such previous memorials are hereby revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if they had never been passed; and be it further

Resolved, That this concurrent resolution is revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States for any purpose other than requiring a balanced federal budget or limiting the ability of the Federal Government to require states to spend money; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this concurrent resolution be dispatched to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and to the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2792. A bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2793. A bill to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2794. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of overseas excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2795. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of eligible program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2796. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2797. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to update a program to provide assistance for the planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, or treat municipal combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, and to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to update certain guidance used to develop and determine the financial capability of communities to implement clean water infrastructure programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2798. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to create an electronic database of research and information on the causes of, and corrective actions being taken with regard to, algal blooms in the Great Lakes, their tributaries, and other surface fresh waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2799. A bill to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 2800. A bill to create a patient-centered quality of care initiative for seriously ill patients through the establishment of a stakeholder strategic summit, quality of life education and awareness initiative, health care workforce training, an advisory committee, and palliative care focused research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2801. A bill to provide for conditions on the renewal of health insurance plans purchased through Exchanges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 542. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HATCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. Res. 543. A resolution designating November 1, 2014, as National Bison Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 851

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to

amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program.

S. 896

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

S. 1535

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1535, a bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 2089

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2089, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes.

S. 2094

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2094, a bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2258

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 2258, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2501, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program.

S. 2545

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2695

At the request of Mr. KAINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2695, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response.

S. 2781

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2781, a bill to improve student and exchange visitor visa programs.

S. 2789

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2789, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 41, a joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 541

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 541, a resolution recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2014, at 3:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 11, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2678. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building".

H.R. 4751. An act to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2678. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ALL CIRCUIT REVIEW EXTENSION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 4197) to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2258) to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for

the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF "NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 542) supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy, submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. ENZI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Record remain open until 5 p.m. on today for submission of statements, additional cosponsors, and introduction of legislation.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators

permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday next, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on bill S. 2199, as pursuant to the order of today.

Ordered further, That Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to bill S. 2199 until 3 p.m. on Monday next, and second-degree amendments until 4:30 p.m. on Monday next.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 4 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 11, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 11, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 11, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6935. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6936. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bovine Tuberculosis Status of Michigan; Advance Counties From Modified Accredited Advanced to Accredited-Free" (Docket No. APHIS-2014-0058), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6937. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Litchi and Longan Fruit From Vietnam Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD51)(Docket No. APHIS-2010-0116)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6938. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin Protection Program for Dairy and Dairy Product Donation Program" ((RIN0560-AI23)(7 CFR Part 1430)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6939. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Saflufenacil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9912-91), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6940. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flazasulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9915-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6941. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfuric Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9914-18), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6942. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9915-46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6943. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kasugamycin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9911-57), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6944. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of June 30, 2014 (DCN OSS 2014-1244); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6945. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2013 Report to Congress on Department of Defense Operation and Financial Support for Military Museums; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6946. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Peter M. Vangjel, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant

general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6947. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management), Department of the Air Force, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6948. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6949. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of the Navy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6950. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6951. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of the Navy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6952. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of the Navy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6953. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency period pertaining to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, for an additional year; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6954. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6955. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations" (RIN3235-AL15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6956. A communication from the Executive Director of the Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2012-2013 Annual Report, including the Annual Commission Audit; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6957. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6958. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Issues Associated with New Reactors" (NRC-2013-0212), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6959. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specific Environmental Guidance for Light Water Small Modular Reactor Reviews" (NRC-2013-0211), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6960. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9915-99-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6961. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal of Significant New Use Rules" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9915-69)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6962. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Arizona; Pinal County and Gila County; Pb" (FRL No. 9916-11-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6963. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Storage Tanks" (FRL No. 9916-32-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6964. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska" (FRL No. 9916-14-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6965. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Control of Gasoline Reid Vapor Pressure" (FRL No. 9916-10-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6966. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: New Hampshire; 111(d)/129 Revised State Plan for Large and Small Municipal Waste Combustors" (FRL No. 9915-71-Region 1), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6967. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit a Prevention of Significant Deterioration State Implementation Plan Revision for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers (PM2.5); California; North Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9916-04-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6968. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; South Coast 1-Hour and 8-Hour Ozone" (FRL No. 9915-86-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6969. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revisions; State of California; South Coast VMT Emissions Offset Demonstrations" (FRL No. 9915-85-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6970. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9914-19)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6971. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9915-97-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6972. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of tax liability" (Rev. Proc. 2014-53), received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6973. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-067); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6974. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-038); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6975. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0113 - 2014-0122); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6976. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Co. in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6977. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6978. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Contractor Selection and Quality Assurance for Select DDOT Road Projects"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6979. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General's budget request for the fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6980. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-385, "Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6981. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 20-386, "Board of Elections Nominating Petition Circulator Affidavit Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6982. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-387, "Party Officer Elections Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6983. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-388, "Driver's Safety Clarification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6984. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-389, "Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System Conformity Temporary Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6985. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-415, "Tenant Bill of Rights Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6986. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-416, "Prohibition of the Harm of Police Animals Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6987. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-417, "Marriage License Issuance Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6988. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-418, "Child Development Home License Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6989. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-419, "Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6990. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report on D.C. Act 20-420, "Post-Arrest Process Clarification Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6991. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-421, "Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6992. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-422, "Fair Criminal Record Screening Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6993. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Suvorexant into Schedule IV" (Docket No. DEA-381), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6994. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disposal of Controlled Substances" ((RIN1117-AB18)(Docket No. DEA-316)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6995. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Management and Administration and Designated Reporting Official, Office on National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of National Drug Control Policy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6996. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repair Stations" ((RIN2120-AJ61)(Docket No. FAA-2006-26408; Amdt. No. 145-30)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6997. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Departing IFR/VFR When Weather Reporting Is Not Available" ((RIN2120-AK49)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0502; Amdt. No. 135-131)),

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6998. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Orders of Compliance, Cease and Desist Orders, Orders of Denial, and Other Orders" (RIN2120-AK43)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0505; Amdt. No. 13-36)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6999. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (73); Amdt. No. 3597" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7000. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (63); Amdt. No. 3598" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7001. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (48); Amdt. No. 3595" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7002. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (326); Amdt. No. 3596" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7003. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (51); Amdt. No. 3599" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7004. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (40); Amdt. No. 3601" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7005. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (267); Amdt. No. 3602" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7006. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (63); Amdt. No. 3600" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 921. A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-253).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-254).

S. 1925. A bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (Rept. No. 113-255).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2521. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security (Rept. No. 113-256).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1535. A bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. REED:

S. 2802. A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 and the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 to strengthen research in adult education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2803. A bill to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2804. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2805. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Billings, Montana, as the "Bear Root Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2806. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for dependent care savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2807. A bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2808. A bill to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2809. A bill to require the Environmental Protection Agency to obtain a court order to garnish wages to pay a nontax debt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2810. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop procedures to share certain information with State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2811. A bill to prohibit the distribution in commerce of children's products and upholstered furniture containing certain flame retardants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. Res. 544. A resolution designating the year of 2014 as the "International Year of Family Farming"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 545. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United

States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana, and for other purposes.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1562, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2520

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2520, a bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2684

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2684, a bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum

Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

S. 2737

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2737, a bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2738

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2738, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

S. 2742

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2742, a bill to provide for public notice and input prior to the closure, consolidation, or public access limitation of field or hearing offices of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2786

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2786, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent earnings stripping of domestic corporations which are members of a worldwide group of corporations which includes an inverted corporation and to require agreements with respect to certain related party transactions with those members.

S. 2795

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2795, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of eligible program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 524

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 524, a

resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global climate change.

SENATE RESOLUTION 543

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 543, a resolution designating November 1, 2014, as National Bison Day.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 15, 2014, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Equality for the District of Columbia: Discussing the Implications of S. 132, the New Columbia Admission Act of 2013."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 276. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3522. An act to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5057. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5161. An act to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

At 4:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the

SPEAKER has signed the following joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 120. Joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 6:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1086. An act to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5057. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5161. An act to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2199

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 11, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on that day, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2199) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 11, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 52, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 262 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), King, Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 11, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the further transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of

America to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the French Republic, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Monaco, Nina Hachigian, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

EXTENDING THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND INTEGRITY AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5134) to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FAMILY FARMING"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 544) designating the year

of 2014 as the "International Year of Family Farming," submitted today by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. DONNELLY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:06 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 10:02 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 16, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, September 16, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 276. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-324. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to review and support H.R. 3930, the National Commission on the Structure of the Army

Act of 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

Whereas, H.R. 3930 was introduced on January 27, 2014, and seeks to establish the National Commission on the Structure of the Army to undertake a comprehensive study of the structure of the Army; and

Whereas, the focus of this study is to determine two factors, which include the proper force mixture of the active component and reserve component, and how the structure should be modified to best fulfill mission requirements in a manner that is consistent with available resources; and

Whereas, H.R. 3930 also directs the commission to give careful consideration in evaluating a structure that meets current and anticipated requirements of combat commands, achieves a cost-efficient balance between the regular and reserve components with particular focus on fully burdened and lifestyle costs of Army personnel, and ensures that the regular and reserve components possess the capacity needed to support homeland defense and disaster assistance missions in the United States; and

Whereas, H.R. 3930 further provides for sufficient numbers of regular members of the Army to provide a base of trained personnel from which the personnel of the reserve components could be recruited; maintains a peacetime rotation force to support operational tempo goals of a ratio of one to two for regular members and a ratio of one to five for members of the reserve components; and further maximizes and appropriately balances affordability, efficiency, effectiveness, capability, and readiness; and

Whereas, H.R. 3930 further prohibits the use of any funds made available for the 2015 Fiscal Year for the Army to divest, retire, or transfer any aircraft of Army assigned units of the Army National Guard as of January 15, 2014, or to reduce personnel below the authorized and strength levels of three hundred fifty thousand members of the Army National Guard as of September 30, 2014: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to review and support H.R. 3930, which would, if enacted, be known as the National Commission on the Structure of the Army Act of 2014, and be it further

Resolved, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-325. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the

Earthquake Insurance Affordability Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

Whereas, The magnitude 6.7 Northridge Earthquake in 1994 was the costliest natural disaster in the history of the State of California to date, with more than \$25 billion in property damage, and \$49 billion in economic losses to region and the state; and

Whereas, A major earthquake in the San Francisco Bay area or in southern California could have an even greater impact than Hurricane Katrina had in Louisiana and Mississippi; and

Whereas, Risk Management Solutions, Inc., estimated the potential cost of a repeat of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake at \$260 billion, and a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rupturing the southern and northern Hayward Fault between \$210 and \$235 billion; and

Whereas, The seven southern California counties that would be most affected by an earthquake on the southern San Andreas Fault are home to 621,000 businesses, 6.3 million employees, and an annual payroll of \$303.3 billion; and

Whereas, A magnitude 7.8 southern California earthquake modeled by the United States Geological Survey and the Southern California Earthquake Center at the University of Southern California in 2008 found that such an earthquake could cause more than \$213 billion in damage, and affect roughly 1 out of every 15 workers in the United States, and that the nationwide toll on unemployment and lost productivity could be severe; and

Whereas, Risks from flood and earthquake are generally not included in homeowners' insurance and must be purchased separately, but few homeowners purchase earthquake insurance for many reasons, including its high cost; and

Whereas, The National Flood Insurance Program makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters, and business owners in exchange for state and community floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages; and

Whereas, Unlike flood insurance, there is no requirement at the federal or state level to obtain earthquake insurance for purposes of securing financing for real property located in high risk areas, leaving the mortgage industry, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, effectively the insurer of last resort; and

Whereas, Under current federal law, earthquake insurance premiums that are collected and not used for claims arising within the year of collection are taxed and there is no ability to reserve profits or accumulate capital for Future losses, leading to the need for higher premiums; and

Whereas, California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have introduced the Earthquake Insurance Affordability Act (EIAA) that would authorize a federal guarantee of limited postearthquake borrowing by actuarially sound state residential earthquake insurance programs; and

Whereas, The EIAA would lower the cost of earthquake insurance for homeowners who buy coverage from nonprofit, state earthquake insurance programs and direct funding to effective seismic-mitigation measures; and

Whereas, The EIAA would allow the California Earthquake Authority to sell postevent bonds in the private capital market, reducing the need to purchase reinsurance prevent and resulting in rate reductions and lower deductibles; and

Whereas, With more Californians insured, postevent disaster assistance would cost less to both the state and the federal government, and communities could recover more quickly; and

Whereas, A Congressional Budget Office analysis of a similar bill introduced in 2007 estimated that the cost to the federal government for loan guarantees and post disaster loans would be negligible: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California jointly, That the Legislature memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the Earthquake Insurance Affordability Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

POM-326. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Whereas, the Congress of the United States of America has enacted both the Government Pension Offset (GPO), reducing the spousal and survivor Social Security benefit, and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), reducing the earned Social Security benefit for any person who also receives a public pension benefit; and

Whereas, the intent of congress in enacting the GPO and the WEP provisions was to

address concerns that a public employee who had worked primarily in federal, state, or local government employment might receive a public pension in addition to the same Social Security benefit as a worker who has worked only in employment covered by Social Security throughout his career; and

Whereas, congress enacted these reduction provisions to provide a disincentive for public employees to receive two pensions; and

Whereas, the GPO negatively affects a spouse or survivor receiving a federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit who would also be entitled to a Social Security benefit earned by a spouse; and

Whereas, the GPO formula reduces the spousal or survivor Social Security benefit by two-thirds of the amount of the federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefit received by the spouse or survivor, in many cases completely eliminating the Social Security benefit even though their spouses paid Social Security taxes for many years; and

Whereas, the GPO has a harsh effect on hundreds of thousands of citizens and undermines the original purpose of the Social Security dependent/survivor benefit; and

Whereas, according to the Social Security Administration, in 2013, at least 614,644 individuals nationally were affected by the GPO; and

Whereas, the WEP applies to those persons who have earned federal, state, or local government retirement or pension benefits, in addition to working in employment covered under Social Security and paying into the Social Security system; and

Whereas, the WEP reduces the earned Social Security benefit using an averaged indexed monthly earnings formula and may reduce Social Security benefits for affected persons by as much as one-half of the retirement benefit earned as a public servant in employment not covered under Social Security; and

Whereas, the WEP causes hardworking individuals to lose a significant portion of the Social Security benefits that they earn themselves; and

Whereas, according to the Social Security Administration, in 2013, at least 1,549,544 individuals nationally were affected by the WEP; and

Whereas, in certain circumstances both the WEP and GPO can be applied to a qualifying survivor's benefit, each independently reducing the available benefit and in combination eliminating a large portion of the total Social Security benefit available to the survivor; and

Whereas, because of the calculation characteristics of the GPO and the WEP, they have a disproportionately negative effect on employees working in lower-wage

government jobs, like policemen, firefighters, teachers, and state employees; and

Whereas, Louisiana is making every effort to improve the quality of life of its citizens and to encourage them to live here lifelong, yet the current GPO and WEP provisions compromise their quality of life; and

Whereas, the number of people affected by GPO and WEP is growing every day as more and more people reach retirement age; and

Whereas, individuals drastically affected by the GPO or WEP may have no choice but to return to work after retirement in order to make ends meet, but the earnings accumulated during this return to work can further reduce the Social Security benefits the individual is entitled to; and

Whereas, the GPO and WEP are established in federal law, and repeal of the GPO and the WEP can only be enacted by congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-327. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to raise awareness of human trafficking and sex trafficking to abolish this modern-day slavery and continue to aid Nigeria in the plight of finding the remaining two hundred seventy-six missing girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138

Whereas, on April 14, 2014, three hundred twenty-nine girls were kidnapped from their school in Chibok, Nigeria, by dozens of gunmen who stormed the girls' dormitories while they were sleeping; and

Whereas, in a region where only four percent of girls complete secondary schooling, the kidnapped girls were the best and the brightest; looking forward to bright futures as global leaders, teachers, or lawyers; and

Whereas, the girls were abducted by a radical Islamic group called Boko Haram, which in English, means "Western education is sinful"; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2012, in testimony before United States Congress, the director of national intelligence, James Clapper, included Boko Haram in his worldwide threat assessment, stating, "There are also fears that

Boko Haram, elements of which have engaged al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb, is interested in hitting Western targets, such as the United States Embassy and hotels frequented by Westerners"; and

Whereas, the United States has offered a seven million dollar bounty for the group's elusive leader, Abubakar Shekau; and

Whereas, the Department of State designated Boko Haram as a Foreign Terrorist Organization in November 2013, recognizing the threat posed by the group's large-scale and indiscriminate attacks against civilians, including women and children; and

Whereas, fifty-three girls were able to escape and have described their experiences as extremely distressing; and

Whereas, concern is growing about the safety of those who are still missing; and

Whereas, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has accepted offers from the United States of military personnel, law enforcement officials, and other experts; and

Whereas, Boko Haram's militant leader, Abubakar Shekau, released a video in which he expresses his abhorrence of Western education, saying that the girls should be married instead of being educated and further claims that he will sell the women as he has been commanded by Allah; and

Whereas, Abubakar Shekau referred to the girls as slaves and stated that he plans to kidnap more girls; and

Whereas, United Nations and the United States have both stressed an absolute prohibition against slavery and sexual slavery in international law, making these actions crimes against humanity; and

Whereas, the White House press secretary has said that appropriate action must be taken to locate and to free these young women before they are trafficked or killed; and

Whereas, Louisiana has taken a most aggressive stand to abolish and condemn slavery among women in Louisiana and worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to raise awareness of human trafficking and sex trafficking to abolish this modern-day slavery and continue to aid Nigeria in the plight of finding the remaining two hundred seventy-six missing girls; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-328. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware memorializing a commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and Delaware; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

Whereas, Taiwan and the United States are long-standing friends with a shared historical relationship and dearly cherished values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

Whereas, 2014 marks the 14th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Delaware and Taiwan; and

Whereas, for the past 13 years, the sister-state relationship with Taiwan has been strengthened through the efforts of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) resulting in better mutual understanding; and

Whereas, Taiwan is the world's eighteenth-largest economy and one of the key trading partners of the United States, with the two-way trade volume between the United States and Taiwan reaching sixty-three billion in 2013; and

Whereas, Taiwan is now a member of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program (effective November 1, 2012), reflecting the friendship, trust, and cooperation shared between our two countries and making travel between Taiwan and the United States for business and tourism even more convenient; and

Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between Taiwan and the United States are ongoing and are an important step towards strengthening bilateral trade and paving the way for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA); and

Whereas, encouraging trade between the people of Delaware and the people of Taiwan helps to forge a closer relationship and is beneficial to both Delaware and Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the 147th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that we hereby reaffirm our commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and Delaware; and be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate; and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

POM-329. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or to take such actions as are necessary to require that places of public accommodation and commercial facilities be equipped with seating for persons who are unable to rise from a seated position without assistance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

Whereas, Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181) requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed,

constructed, and altered in compliance with the accessibility standards established by federal regulation; and

Whereas, as our population ages and our veterans return home from overseas, there is a growing population who are unable to rise from the seated position without physical hands-on assistance from others, including strangers; and

Whereas, the need to require assistance from others to complete the task of rising from a seated position robs persons of their independence and dignity; and

Whereas, if seating accommodations were to be equipped with raised arms or parts from which a person could push when rising then this would eliminate the need for persons to obtain assistance from others: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181) or to take such actions as are necessary to require that places of public accommodation and commercial facilities be equipped with seating for persons who are unable to rise from a seated position without assistance, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-330. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

Whereas, the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act would allow Medicare to reimburse retail community pharmacies for delivery of diabetic testing supplies to Medicare recipients' homes; and

Whereas, seniors would be safe from entering hazardous circumstances, risking debilitating falls, or other comparable inconveniences to obtain diabetic testing supplies because of lack of supply delivery; and

Whereas, the cost of delivery of diabetic testing supplies may be equivalent regardless of whether they are delivered same-day by local pharmacies or through the mail; and

Whereas, the integrity of health care access to seniors in need of diabetic testing supply access would be increased; and

Whereas, in July 2013, the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act of 2013 was introduced as H.R. 2845 by United States Representative Peter Welch of Vermont; and

Whereas, in January 2014, Senator John Thune of South Dakota introduced the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act of 2014 as S. 1935; and

Whereas, the percentage of people diagnosed with diabetes from 1980-2011 for those aged sixty-five to seventy-four years increased one hundred forty percent, and one hundred twenty-five percent for those age seventy-five years and older, and the overall prevalence of diagnosed diabetes has risen sharply among all groups for which data is available; and

Whereas, community pharmacies play a pivotal role in affordable and accessible health care within rural and other underserved communities by providing delivery services: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Diabetic Testing Supply Access Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-331. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 153

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mental illness is defined as "health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with distress and/or impaired function"; and

Whereas, approximately sixty-one million five hundred thousand Americans experience mental illness in a given year; and

Whereas, approximately thirteen million six hundred thousand Americans live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder; and

Whereas, more than eleven million Americans have severe schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression; and

Whereas, one-half of all chronic mental illness begins by the age of fourteen; and

Whereas, fewer than one-third of adults and one-half of children with a diagnosed mental disorder receive mental health services in a given year; and

Whereas, individuals living with mental health challenges and their families soon discover that the illness affects many aspects of their lives and that they need more than medical help; and

Whereas, many loved ones are left feeling hopeless in receiving effective and appropriate treatment for their family members who suffer from mental illness; and

Whereas, there is a need to better allocate current resources to focus on the most effective services and most severe mental illnesses; and

Whereas, it is prudent to promote stronger interagency coordination, increase data collection on treatment outcomes, and raise efforts to drive evidence-based care; and

Whereas, Congressman Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania has introduced the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 as H.R. 3717; and

Whereas, the bill will create within the Department of Health and Human Services a new assistant secretary for mental health and substance-abuse disorders who would lead federal mental illness efforts, be responsible for promoting the medically oriented models of care adopted by the National Institute of Mental Health, and oversee the grant process while holding community centers accountable by ensuring they are meeting evidence-based standards; and

Whereas, H.R. 3717 would push states to efficiently allocate funds towards modernizing mental illness state laws and raise support for community mental health centers and hospital psychiatric care; and

Whereas, to address issues regarding the shortage of psychiatric professionals, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 would advance medical tools like telepsychiatry which links primary physicians in underserved areas to psychiatric professionals in order to decrease the average span of time between an initial episode of psychosis for a patient and his preliminary evaluation and treatment procedures; and

Whereas, H.R. 3717 would give physicians legal safe harbor to volunteer at understaffed mental health centers; and

Whereas, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 will adjust the federal privacy law known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, by allowing mental health professionals and families to share information about loved ones to promote more appropriate and effective treatment procedure: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-332. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire expressing support for the right of residents of the District of Columbia to be fully represented in the Congress of the United States of America; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 21

Whereas, over 600,000 citizens of the District of Columbia pay taxes to the federal government but are denied voting representation in the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, over 194,000 citizens of the District of Columbia have fought in our armed forces in service to our nation; and

Whereas, the federal government has sent its armed forces, among them District of Columbia citizens, to fight on foreign soil in support and defense of democratic ideals while denying the residents of our own national capital the right of legislative representation; and

Whereas, those efforts to spread liberty and democracy to the far corners of the globe are undermined and diminished by the denial of democratic rights to over 600,000 citizens of the United States of America; and

Whereas, 9 service members from the District of Columbia have lost their lives in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, the United States is the only nation in the world with a representative, democratic constitution that denies voting representation in the national legislature to the citizens of the capital; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia is the only political and geographical entity within the United States whose citizens bear the full responsibilities of citizenship without sharing in the appropriate privileges of citizenship; and

Whereas, the New Hampshire house of representatives is a shining example of representational democracy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the New Hampshire house of representatives declares its support for the right of residents of the District of Columbia to be fully represented in the Congress of the United States of America; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of 41 representatives, be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United States of America, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia and to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-333. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota relative to their ratification of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, on March 10, 1971, the Senate voted 94-0 in favor of proposing a Constitutional amendment to guarantee that the voting age could not be higher than eighteen; and

Whereas, on March 23, 1971, the House of Representatives voted 401-19 in favor of the proposed Constitutional amendment; and

Whereas, forty-two of the fifty states have ratified the 26th amendment to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, both Houses of the Ninety-Second Congress of the United States of America by a constitutional majority of two-thirds of each House thereof, made the following proposal to amend the Constitution of the United States of America as follows:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens eighteen years of age or older.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

“ARTICLE

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.” Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the 26th Amendment of the United States is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota; and be it further,

Resolved, That certified copies of this Joint Resolution be forwarded by a I the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the presiding officers of both Houses of the Congress of the United States, and to the Archivist of the United States.

POM-334. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan memorializing the United States Congress to

make any murder of a police officer or corrections officer while in the line of duty a federal offense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Whereas, Michigan law enforcement and corrections officers are highly-trained and courageous individuals, often finding themselves in dangerous situations in order to enforce and maintain the laws of the state and to protect the residents of Michigan; and

Whereas, The killing of a federal law enforcement or corrections officer is a federal offense. However, the killing of a state law enforcement or corrections officer is only considered a federal offense if the officer was working with federal agents in furtherance of a federal investigation. In addition, certain circumstances can elevate a state crime to a federal crime; and

Whereas, There should be a consistent national policy to protect our law enforcement and corrections officers. Law enforcement is a necessary and vital function of our government at all levels. All U.S. citizens rely on federal and state law enforcement and corrections officers to keep us safe in our home states and all states throughout the nation. Creating a uniform penalty for the crime of taking the life of a law enforcement or corrections officer while on duty will underscore the importance of all peace officers nationwide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to make any murder of a police officer or corrections officer while in the line of duty a federal offense; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-335. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland relative to their ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

Whereas, The 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution provides for the direct election of Senators of a state to the United States Congress rather than for their election or appointment by a state legislature; and

Whereas, The 17th Amendment passed the United States Senate on June 12, 1911, and then passed the United States House of Representatives on May 13, 1912; and

Whereas, The 17th Amendment thereafter was ratified to become part of the United States Constitution when on April 8, 1913, Connecticut became the 36th state to ratify its adoption, thereby satisfying the requirement of the United States Constitution that any proposed constitutional amendment be approved by at least three-fourths of the states; and

Whereas, Following its formal ratification, the 17th Amendment subsequently also was ratified by Louisiana on June 11, 1913, and Delaware on June 25, 2010; and

Whereas, By its vote on February 26, 1913, Utah was the only state to reject the 17th Amendment (although the Florida legislature, which also took up the amendment, failed to complete action as the amendment never reached the Florida Senate); and

Whereas, The General Assembly of Maryland has not taken action to either ratify or reject the 17th Amendment to be part of the United States Constitution, the State of Maryland now wishes formally to record its support for and also ratify the amendment, viz:

“ARTICLE

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of each State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the foregoing amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified by the State of Maryland to all intents and purposes as a part of the United States Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Maryland is requested to forward authentic copies of this Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to: the Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate, 528 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; the

Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, 1011 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; and the Honorable Martha N. Johnson, Acting Administrator of General Services of the United States, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405.

POM-336. A Senate joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland rescinding Maryland's ratification of the Corwin Amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Whereas, On February 27, 1861, in an attempt to avert the secession of Southern states, United States Representative Thomas Corwin of Ohio proposed an amendment to the United States Constitution that would prohibit the United States Constitution from being amended in a manner that authorizes Congress to abolish or interfere with the states' domestic institutions, including slavery; and

Whereas, On March 2, 1861, the Corwin Amendment passed the United States Congress and was submitted to the states for ratification; and

Whereas, With the enactment of Chapter 21 of the Acts of 1862, the General Assembly of Maryland ratified the Corwin Amendment; and

Whereas, The Corwin Amendment has not been ratified by three-fourths of the states and, therefore, is not part of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, With the end of the Civil War and the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, the purposes of the Corwin Amendment have become moot: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State of Maryland rescinds its ratification of the Corwin Amendment to the United States Constitution, viz:

"ARTICLE

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State.", and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Maryland is requested to forward authentic copies of this Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to: the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, Suite S-212, United States Capitol Building, Washington, DC 20510; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority

Leader, United States Senate, 528 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, 1011 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; and the Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, 709 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20408.

POM-337. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland relative to their ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of each State shall issue

writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S.1898. A bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S.2061. A bill to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services (Rept. No. 113-257).

S.2651. A bill to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2812. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2813. A bill to establish the National Prostate Cancer Council for improved screening, early detection, assessment, and monitoring of prostate cancer, and to direct the development and implementation of a national strategic plan to expedite advancement of diagnostic tools and the transfer of such tools to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2814. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2815. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to extend the term of marketing assistance loans in cases in which a purchaser has bought the loan commodity subject to the loan and declared bankruptcy prior to paying for the loan commodity; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the specific exemption for professional football leagues and to provide a special rule for other professional sports leagues, and to provide an additional authorization of appropriations for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2817. A bill to assign the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis of the Federal Communications Commission the responsibility of bringing institutional focus to the important function of approving new technologies and improving regulatory certainty at the Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2818. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2819. A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2820. A bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2821. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2822. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2823. A bill to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2824. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2825. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to treat as dispensing the delivery of a controlled substance by a pharmacy to a practitioner, pursuant to a patient-specific prescription of the practitioner, under certain circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2826. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a percentage of student loan forgiveness for public service employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2827. A bill to amend section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude

Federal student aid from taxable gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2828. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 2829. A bill to require certain financial regulators to determine whether new regulations or orders are duplicative or inconsistent with existing Federal regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2830. A bill to permanently reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Indians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2831. A bill to direct the President to establish an interagency mechanism to coordinate United States development programs and private sector investment activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2832. A bill to provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 546. A resolution congratulating Indonesia's President-elect Joko Widodo on his electoral victory and commending the people of Indonesia on their commitment to democracy and free and fair elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 547. A resolution designating the week beginning September 14, 2014, as

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KING, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 548. A resolution designating November 29, 2014, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 549. A resolution designating October 26, 2014, as Day of the Deployed; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 550. A resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to

perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 2174

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2174, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide greater flexibility in offering health insurance coverage across State lines.

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 2210

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to

school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 2481

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2481, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

S. 2501

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2501, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program.

S. 2527

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2527, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 2543

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2599

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2599, a bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER],

the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

S. 2746

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2793

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2793, a bill to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson.

S. 2796

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2796, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances.

S. 2802

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2802, a bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 and the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 to strengthen research in adult education.

S. 2809

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2809, a bill to require the Environmental Protection Agency

to obtain a court order to garnish wages to pay a nontax debt.

SENATE RESOLUTION 541

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. Kaine], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 541, a resolution recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic.

SENATE RESOLUTION 543

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 543, a resolution designating November 1, 2014, as National Bison Day.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MURPHY,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the State of Small Depository Institutions."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight of and Policy Considerations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration."

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Retirement Savings 2.0: Updating Savings Policy for the Modern Economy."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ebola in West Africa: A Global Challenge and Public Health Threat."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

The Subcommittee on Health Care of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 16, 2014, at 2:45 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Children's Health Insurance Program: Protecting America's Children and Families."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 83. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2569. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 2866. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2996. An act to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

H.R. 3006. An act to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3044. An act to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi.

H.R. 3222. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of site associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3374. An act to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4119. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4771. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.

H.R. 5108. An act to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5205. An act to authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation, and for other purposes.

At 2:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 276. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir.

H.R. 4197. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2866. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3006. An act to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3044. An act to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3222. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3374. An act to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4119. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4771. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5108. An act to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5205. An act to authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 12:31 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 11, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2432

Ms. WARREN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider bill S. 2432; that the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. CORNYN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zambia, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Namibia, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, David Pressman, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii,

to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and Bradford Raymond Huther, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
REAUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2539) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ALL-AMERICAN FLAG ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1214) to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS
ELIMINATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 4194) to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Ms. HEITKAMP for Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. WARNER) to insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 3820, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SMART SAVINGS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2117) to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. HEITKAMP for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. TESTER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3821, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY
ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2511) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the definition of substantial cessation of operations.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BLM PERMIT PROCESSING
IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2440) to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Ms. HEITKAMP (for Mr. TOM UDALL) to amend the pending bill, at the appropriate place, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3822).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE PATRIOTISM
AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
AUXILIARIES OF VETERANS
SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 506) recognizing the patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans service organizations.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK"

On the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 547) designating the week beginning September 14, 2014, as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week," submitted today by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. HELLER), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"

On the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 548) designating November 29, 2014, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses, submitted today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KING, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. RON JOHNSON, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. CARDIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "DAY OF THE DEPLOYED"

On the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 549) designating October 26, 2014, as "Day of the Deployed," submitted today by Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

On the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 550) commemorating the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner," submitted today by Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that the VICE PRESIDENT, after consultation with the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, had reappointed the following to serve as members of the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mrs. HAGAN and Mr. Max Baucus, of Montana.

ORDERS FOR RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it recess until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; and that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. HEITKAMP,

At 6:04 p.m.,

The Senate recessed, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

(Legislative day of Tuesday, September 16, 2014)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Canon Andrew White, St. George's Church, Baghdad, Iraq offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

LEADER TIME RESERVED

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business. Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT,
THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT
TERRORISM -- PM 53

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2014.

The crisis constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York and Pennsylvania and against the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on United States nationals or the United States that led to the declaration of a national emergency on September 23, 2001, has not been resolved. These actions continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 17, 2014.*

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7007. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 52nd Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7008. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to

expanding public-private collaboration on infrastructure development and financing; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7009. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Final 2014-2015 Spiny Dogfish Specifications" (RIN0648-BE17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7010. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2014 Report to Congress on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7011. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Airspace System Capital Investment Plan Fiscal Years 2015-2019"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7012. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Communications, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Disclosure of Records Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)" (RIN2700-AE04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7013. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-BC62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7014. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XD252), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7015. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Adjustment to the 2014 Winter II Quota" (RIN0648-XD392), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7016. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Amendment 3" (RIN0648-BC77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7017. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BC90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7018. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-BC90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7019. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; the Highly Migratory Species Fishery; Closure" (RIN0648-XD238), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7020. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish; Framework

Adjustment 8" (RIN0648-BD56), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7021. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XD441), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7022. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2014 Commercial and Recreational Accountability Measures and Closures for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XD422), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7023. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan; Northern Red Hake Quota Harvested" (RIN0648-XD336), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7024. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustment and Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XD357), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7025. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery and Possession Limit Adjustment" (RIN0648-XD418), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7026. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reapportionment of the 2014 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limits for the Trawl Deep-Water and Shallow-Water Fishery Categories" (RIN0648-XD361), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7027. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD375), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7028. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD379), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7029. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS); Commercial Blacknose Sharks and Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks (SCS) in the Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-XD369), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7030. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD447), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7031. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD449), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7032. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BE39), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7033. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report entitled "Report to the Congress: Sanctions on Exports and Reexports of Commodities That are Used to Support Oil and Gas Operations in Russia"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7034. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Positive Train Control Systems (RRR)" (RIN2130-AC32), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7035. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Make Inoperative Exemptions; Vehicle Modifications To Accommodate People With Disabilities; Ejection Mitigation; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment" (RIN2127-AL17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7036. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registered Importers of Vehicles Not Originally Manufactured To Conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards" (RIN2127-AL43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7037. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Warning Reporting, Foreign Defect Reporting, and Motor Vehicle and Equipment Recall Regulations" (RIN2127-AK72), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7038. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Updates to Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Regulations" (RIN0648-BE02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7039. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Regulations and Management Plan" (RIN0648-BD60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7040. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Transportation of Lithium Batteries" (RIN2137-AE44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7041. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazmat, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Failure to Pay Civil Penalties" (RIN2137-AE97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2141. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2583. A bill to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2799. A bill to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COATS, Mr. JOHANNS, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2833. A bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2834. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect employment and training services for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2835. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable tax credit for certain storm shelters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2836. A bill to provide for an integrated plan for the space launch activities of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 2837. A bill to count revenues from military and veteran education programs toward the limit on Federal revenues that certain proprietary institutions of higher education are allowed to receive for purposes of section 487 of the Higher Education Act of

1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2838. A bill to provide for duty-free treatment of certain recreational performance outerwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2839. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2840. A bill to authorize funding for, and increase accessibility to, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide incentive grants to help facilitate reporting to such systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2841. A bill to provide for a study by the Institute of Medicine on health disparities, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2842. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Caregiver Corps program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2843. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide certain members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are victims of sex-related offenses with access to a special victims' counsel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2844. A bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2845. A bill to establish the Southern Prairie Potholes National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2846. A bill to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should use his existing authority to revoke the passports of United States citizens who have provided material support to ISIS and to require the Secretary to submit a quarterly report to Congress on the use of such authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2847. A bill to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2848. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2849. A bill to strengthen student achievement and graduation rates and prepare youth for postsecondary education at institutions of higher education, careers, and citizenship through innovative partnerships that meet the comprehensive needs of youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2850. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to create a program to provide funding for organizations that support startup businesses in formation and early growth stages by providing entrepreneurs with resources and services to produce viable businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KAINE:

S.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 551. A resolution recognizing September 2014 as "National Campus Safety Awareness Month" and supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety

Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. Res. 552. A resolution supporting Lights on Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 23, 2014; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 553. A resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Hartford Courant newspaper; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 554. A resolution recognizing the month of October 2014 as "National Principals Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 555. A resolution designating the week of September 15 through September 19, 2014, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the health care system for all individuals in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 556. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 12, 2014, as National Wildlife Refuge Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 557. A resolution designating the week beginning October 19, 2014, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. REED, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 558. A resolution designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2014, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 559. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 19, 2014, as "National Chemistry Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 560. A resolution designating September 2014 as "School Bus Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution expressing support for designation of a "National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 223

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr.

SCHUMER], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to establish a commission for the purpose of coordinating efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2082, a bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 2366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2538

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2538, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 2587

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2587, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to protect and conserve species and the lawful possession of certain ivory in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, *supra*.

S. 2622

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2622, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2653

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2653, a bill to amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2655

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2655, a bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.

S. 2687

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2687, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2689

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] were added as cosponsors of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2689, *supra*.

S. 2693

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2693, a bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2706

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2706, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 2746

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 2758

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2758, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to modernize C-130 aircraft using alternative communication, navigation, surveillance, and air traffic management program kits and to ensure that such aircraft meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] were added as cosponsors of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2793

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 2793, a bill to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson.

S. 2809

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2809, a bill to require the Environmental Protection Agency to obtain a court order to garnish wages to pay a nontax debt.

S. 2814

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 2814, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 353

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 353, a resolution designating September 2014 as "National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 529

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 529, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and commending its members for their courage and sacrifice in service to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 530

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 530, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 541

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 541, a resolution recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and

expressing support for those affected by this epidemic.

SENATE RESOLUTION 543

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 543, a resolution designating November 1, 2014, as National Bison Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 545

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 545, a resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 546

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 546, a resolution congratulating Indonesia's President-elect Joko Widodo on his electoral victory and commending the people of Indonesia on their commitment to democracy and free and fair elections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 548

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 548, a resolution designating November 29, 2014, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. TESTER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room

SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Reforming America's Outdated Energy Tax Code."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate September 17, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "United States Strategy to Defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on Judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 17, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Why Net Neutrality Matters: Protecting Consumers and Competition Through Meaningful Open Internet Rules."

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, in room S-216 of the Capitol Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Who Is The Economy Working For? The Impact of Rising Inequality on the American Economy."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5134. An act to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 3:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1603. An act to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 2154. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2258. An act to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3043. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

H.R. 3593. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the construction of major medical facilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4137. An act to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale.

H.R. 4276. An act to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

H.R. 4994. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5169. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5170. An act to improve Federal employee compliance with the Federal and

Presidential recordkeeping requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5404. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5405. An act to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, to reduce regulatory burdens, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5418. An act to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business.

H.R. 5419. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

H.R. 5420. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations.

H.R. 5461. An act to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, and for other purposes.

At 6:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 124. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3593. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the construction of major medical facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4137. An act to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 4276. An act to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5169. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

H.R. 5170. An act to improve Federal employee compliance with the Federal and Presidential recordkeeping requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

H.R. 5405. An act to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, to reduce regulatory burdens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5418. An act to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 5419. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 5420. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 5461. An act to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 12 noon having arrived, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 503

Mr. BOOZMAN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 503) to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. BOOKER objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS EN BLOC

Mr. BOOKER asked unanimous consent, that the Senate proceed to consider the bills (H.R. 1033) to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 503, en bloc; that the reported amendment to bill H.R. 1033 be agreed to; that the bills, as may be amended, be read the third time, en bloc, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. COBURN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. HARKIN, as in executive session, asked unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Treaty Document 112-7; that the treaty be considered advanced through the various parliamentary stages, including the presentation of the resolution of ratification; that the committee declarations be agreed to; that no amendment be in order to the treaty or resolution of ratification; that there be two hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate in the usual form; that, upon conclusion thereof, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the resolution; that, if the resolution is agreed to, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately

notified of the Senate's action; that, if the resolution is not agreed to, the treaty be returned to the calendar; that no motion or point of order in be in order, other than a motion to reconsider; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 3522

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the chair lay before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3522) to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives on Monday, September 15, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. MURPHY objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL RELATIVE TO SYRIA INTENDED TO BE INTRODUCED

Mr. CORKER asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the two leaders, and prior to consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 124) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes, the Senate proceed to consider a bill intended to be introduced by him, relative to Syria; that there be four hours for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate vote on passage thereof.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
JOINT RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 124

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 1 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 124, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today; that the majority leader then be recognized; that there then be four and one-half hours for debate thereon, equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, no motion or point of order be in order thereto, other than a motion, by Mr. SESSIONS or his designee, to table an amendment to the joint resolution, notwithstanding the pendency of a motion to recommit the joint resolution, or a Budget Act point of order, to be made by Mr. SESSIONS, or his designee, and the applicable motion to waive in relation thereto; that, if said motion to table is agreed to, the majority leader be recognized; that, if said motion to table is not agreed to, and notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to bring to a close debate on the joint resolution; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be considered concluded; that pending amendments to the joint resolution be withdrawn; that the joint resolution be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of joint resolution H.J. Res. 124, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Mark William Lippert, of

Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Korea, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ireland, Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Charles F. Fulgham, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

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ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2651) to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUNSCREEN INNOVATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2141) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELATIVE TO THE RENAMING OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND JAPANESE
AMERICAN EXCLUSION
MEMORIAL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4751) to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REAUTHORIZING THE DEFENSE
PRODUCTION ACT AND
IMPROVING THE DEFENSE
PRODUCTION ACT COMMITTEE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4809) to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 545) recognizing "Hispanic Heritage Month" and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL BISON DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 543) designating November 1, 2014, as "National Bison Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SUPPORTING LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 552) supporting Lights on Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 23, 2014, submitted today by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. TIM JOHNSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARTFORD COURANT NEWSPAPER

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 553) recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Hartford Courant newspaper, submitted today by Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 554) recognizing the month of October 2014 as "National Principals Month," submitted today by Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. LEE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 555) designating the week of September 15 through September 19, 2014, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the health care system for all individuals in the United States, submitted today by Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. THUNE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 556) designating the week beginning on October 12, 2014, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week," submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TOM UDALL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. COLLINS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 557) designating the week beginning October 19, 2014, as "National Character Counts Week," submitted today by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. MANCHIN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 558) designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2014, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week," submitted today by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. REED, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MIKULSKI), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 559) designating the week beginning on October 19, 2014, as "National Chemistry Week," submitted today by Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH"

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 560) designating September 2014 as "School Bus Safety Month," submitted today by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BLUNT), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from Treaty Document 113-6, received from the President on today.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two

leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate reconvenes, following remarks by the two leaders, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that the minority control the first half therein, and the majority control the second half therein; and that, at 1 p.m., the Senate proceed to consider joint resolution H.J. Res. 124, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 6:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2432) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF ESCORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the PRESIDENT pro tempore be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency, Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, into the Chamber of the House of Representatives for a joint meeting.

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, At 9:39 a.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WALSH in the chair) declared the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the chair.

AT 11:11 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) called the Senate to order.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 18, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1603. An act to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 2154. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2258. An act to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7042. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species: Critical Habitat for the Northwest

Atlantic Ocean Loggerhead Sea Turtle Distinct Population Segment (DPS) and Determination Regarding Critical Habitat for the North Pacific Ocean Loggerhead DPS" (RIN0648-BD27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7043. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Evert and Ludington, Michigan)" ((MB Docket No. 13-284)(DA 14-1058)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7044. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Custer, Michigan)" ((MB Docket No. 14-66)(DA 14-1222)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7045. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Caseville and Pigeon, Michigan)(Harbor Beach and Lexington, Michigan)" ((MM Docket No. 01-229 and MM Docket No. 01-231)(DA 14-1215)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7046. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Clarification on Uses of Electronic Export Information" (RIN0607-AA52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7047. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings and the Office of Economics, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services - 2014 Update" (Docket No. 542), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7048. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board" ((RIN3060-AJ06)(FCC 14-91)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7049. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries" ((RIN3060-AF85)(FCC 14-99)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7050. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Annual Events on the Maumee River, Toledo, OH" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0714)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7051. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gay Games 9 Triathlon, North Coast Harbor, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0427)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7052. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Raccoon Creek, Bridgeport, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0711)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7053. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gay Games 9 Open Water Swim, Lake Erie, Edgewater Park, Cleveland, OH" (Docket No. USCG-

2014-0635), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7054. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Patapsco River; Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0201)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7055. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, St. Petersburg Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0437)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7056. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, James River; Newport News, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0376)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7057. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Elizabeth River; Norfolk, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0619)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7058. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Marine Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08 and RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0446)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7059. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Mantua Creek, Paulsboro, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0710)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7060. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Treasure Island, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09)-(Docket No. USCG-2013-0319)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7061. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 49.0 to 50.0, West of Harvey Locks, Bank to Bank, Bayou Blue Pontoon Bridge, Lafourche Parish, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0411)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7062. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offshore Supply Vessels of at Least 6, 000 GT ITC" ((RIN1625-AB62)-(Docket No. USCG-2012-0208)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7063. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; TAKE MARU 55 Vessel Salvage; Cocos Island, Merizo, Guam" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0721)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7064. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Aquarium Wedding, Delaware River; Camden, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0704)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7065. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, New Jersey" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0702)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7066. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Documentation Renewal Fees" ((RIN1625-AB56)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0990)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7067. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Marine Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0329)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7068. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Cumberland River, Mile 127.0 to 128.0; Clarksville, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0489)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7069. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Sunset Lake; Wildwood Crest, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0701)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7070. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Labor Day Long Neck Style Fireworks, Indian River Bay; Long Neck, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0696)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7071. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Atlantic Ocean; Ocean City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0705)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7072. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Atlantic Ocean; Atlantic City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0703)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7073. A communication from the Attorney, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7074. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class B Airspace; Salt Lake City, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0859)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7075. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Memphis, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0224)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7076. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Steele, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0154)), received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7077. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Phoenix, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0956)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7078. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Needles, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0987)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7079. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 2013-0709)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7080. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment and Revocation of Jet Routes; Northeast United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0104)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7081. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Grand Rapids, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0501)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7082. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification and Establishment of Air Traffic Service (ATS)

Routes in the Vicinity of Huntingburg, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0990)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7083. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Nabb, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0368)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7084. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Tuskegee, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0082)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7085. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Hartford, CT" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0384)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7086. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Truth or Consequences, NM" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0995)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7087. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (Airbus Helicopters) (Previously Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0394)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7088. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Columbia Helicopters, Inc. (Type Certificate Previously Held By Boeing Defense and Space Group) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0385)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7089. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0862)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7090. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0236)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7091. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0973)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7092. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS CASA (Type Certificate Previously Held by Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0980)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7093. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0010)), received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7094. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0953)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7095. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0341)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7096. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AERMACHCHI S.p.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0939)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7097. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. (Type Certificate previously held by AlliedSignal Inc., Garrett Turbine Engine Company) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0386)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7098. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1059)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7099. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1090)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7100. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Time of Designation for Restricted Area R-3002G; Fort Benning, GA" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0389)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7101. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (Type Certificate Previously Held By Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters) (AHD)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0440)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7102. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (Airbus Helicopters) (Type Certificate Previously Held By Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0395)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7103. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0009)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7104. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1027)), received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7105. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0863)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7106. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0432)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7107. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0206)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7108. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0005)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7109. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0004)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7110. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2006-23809)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0060)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7146. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0124)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7147. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0251)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7148. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell ASCa Inc. Emergency Locator Transmitters Installed on Various Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0573)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7149. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (Previously Eurocopter Deutschland GbmH) (Airbus Helicopters) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7150. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0252)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7151. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0544)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7152. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0490)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7153. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mooney International Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0513)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7154. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0056)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7155. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0790)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7156. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0268)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7157. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0145)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7158. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-0807)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7159. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AgustaWestland S.p.A. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0478)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7160. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-1088)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7161. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0196)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7162. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Beechcraft Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0187)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7163. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Beechcraft Corporation (Type Certificate Previously Held by Hawker Beechcraft Corporation; Raytheon Aircraft Company) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0254)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7164. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0228)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7165. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0486)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7166. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0311)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7167. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0514)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7168. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France)" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0515)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7169. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0488)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7170. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Annual Eligibility Redeterminations for Exchange Participation and Insurance Affordability Programs; Health Insurance Issuer Standards under the Affordable Care Act, Including Standards Related to Exchanges" ((RIN0938-AS32)(CMS-9941-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-338. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, urging the United States Congress to enact a comprehensive surface transportation program that provides long term funding for local transportation projects; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-339. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California, expressing support for H.R. 4254, the Vietnam Human Rights Sanctions Act, and urging the United States Congress to pass this legislation in protection of human rights in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-340. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Food and Drug Administration to implement its proposed rule to extend the agency's tobacco authority to cover additional tobacco products

including e-cigarettes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-341. A resolution adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Delevan, New York, opposing the NY SAFE Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Special Report entitled "Inquiry Into Cyber Intrusions Affecting U.S. Transportation Command Contractors" (Rept. No. 113-258).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1898, A bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-259).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1474, A bill to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-260).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 2651, A bill to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (Rept. No. 113-261).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1232. A bill to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management (Rept. No. 113-262).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4007. A bill to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program (Rept. No. 113-263).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 530. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious

minorities from persecution from the terrorist group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 540. A resolution recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 541. A resolution recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic.

By Mr. JOHNSON, of South Dakota, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1217. A bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2581. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2778. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 2828. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2851. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2852. A bill to clarify membership requirements for the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2853. A bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2854. A bill to establish pilot programs to encourage the use of shared equity mortgage modifications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2855. A bill to amend the nondiscrimination provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect older, longer, service participants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2856. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production of electricity from renewable resources for certain open-loop biomass and trash facilities placed in service before the date of the enactment of this Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2857. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2858. A bill to enhance rail safety and provide for the safe transport of hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2859. A bill to promote apprenticeships for credentials and employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 2860. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support early college high schools and other dual or concurrent enrollment programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2861. A bill to authorize the Central Everglades Planning Project, Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2862. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 2863. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to complete a data analysis on the impact of the proposed rule on gainful employment prior to issuing a final rule on gainful employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2864. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a national strategic action plan to assist health professionals in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2865. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for voter registration through the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 2866. A bill to authorize grants for the support of caregivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2867. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2868. A bill to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COATS:

S. 2869. A bill to enhance the homeland security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 2870. A bill to amend certain provisions of the Social Security Act relating to

demonstration projects designed to provide unemployed workers with the information, skills, and relationships they need for reemployment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2871. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2872. A bill to protect individuals by strengthening the Nation's mental health infrastructure, improving the understanding of violence, strengthening firearm prohibitions and protections for at-risk individuals, and improving and expanding the reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2873. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2874. A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup of status offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2875. A bill to codify in law the establishment and duties of the Office of Complex Administrative Investigations in the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2876. A bill to establish a public education and awareness and access program relating to emergency contraception; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2877. A bill to appropriately manage the debt of the United States by limiting the use of extraordinary measures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2878. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from income for student loan forgiveness for students in certain income-based or income-contingent repayment programs who have completed payment obligations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2879. A bill to provide for the implementation of a Sustainable Chemistry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2880. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. AYOTTE:

S. 2881. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the treatment of seasonal positions for purposes of the employer shared responsibility requirement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 2882. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain individuals a credit against income tax for contributions to 529 plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 2883. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on the entrepreneurial impact of technology transfer at the National Laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. REID, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 2884. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit tax-exempt status to professional sports leagues that promote the use of the term redskins; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2885. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2886. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner to commemorate the lives they lost 50 years ago in an effort to bring justice and equality to Americans in Mississippi during Freedom Summer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2887. A bill to expand access to transportation services for individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2888. A bill to promote the provision of exercise and fitness equipment that is accessible to individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2889. A bill to require compliance with established universal home design guidelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. REED):

S. 2890. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program that develops an information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinates the collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2891. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish an innovation in surface transportation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2892. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2893. A bill to authorize the use of multifamily housing subject to a mortgage insured under section 207 of the National Housing Act as short-term residential housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. 2894. A bill to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2895. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to include in income the unrepatriated earnings of groups that include an inverted corporation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2896. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to adjust for inflation the

amount that is exempt from administrative offsets by the Department of Education for defaulted student loans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2897. A bill to establish a program that promotes reforms in workforce education and skill training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2898. A bill to provide consumer protections for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2899. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2900. A bill to create livable communities through coordinated public investment and streamlined requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2901. A bill to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing rebates for the purchase and installation of an additional 10,000,000 photovoltaic systems by 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2902. A bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of certain cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2903. A bill to reform the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2904. A bill to prevent the militarization of Federal, State, and local law enforcement by Federal excess property transfers and grant programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2905. A bill to require the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to calculate a carbon score for each bill or resolution; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2906. A bill to provide for the treatment and extension of temporary financing of short-time compensation programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2907. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy-related jobs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2908. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand eligibility for the refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 2909. A bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to end extreme global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote enduring, long-term, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilient, adaptive, local capacity of vulnerable populations, and for other related purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2910. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one Congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KING, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2911. A bill to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2912. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent and Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 561. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that recently proposed measures that will reduce transparency and public participation at the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) should be disapproved by United States representatives to the IAIS; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. Res. 562. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that performance-based contracts for energy savings are a budget-neutral means to support the Federal Government in reducing its energy consumption without increasing spending while simultaneously supporting United States based jobs and economic development; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COATS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 563. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should pursue extradition authority for international cybercriminals committing credit card theft targeting United States citizens; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 564. A resolution honoring conservation on the centennial of the passenger pigeon extinction; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 565. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. Res. 566. A resolution celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of North Dakota; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 567. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the possible easing of restrictions on the sale of lethal military equipment to the Government of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 568. A resolution designating the month of September 2014 as "National Sepsis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 569. A resolution designating September 23, 2014, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BROWN):

S. Res. 570. A resolution designating October 17, 2014, as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 571. A resolution designating September 30, 2014, as "United States and India Partnership Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 572. A resolution congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 4,000 ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr.

MURPHY, Mrs. HAGAN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 573. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. Res. 574. A resolution designating the week of September 20 through September 27, 2014, as "National Estuaries Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 575. A resolution designating September 2014 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 44. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 631, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] were added as cosponsors of S. 635, supra.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 820

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes.

S. 1009

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1009, a bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1323, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] and the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations.

S. 1702

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1702, a bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1756

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1756, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2103, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 2164

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2164, a bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2210

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and

grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 2241

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2241, a bill to enhance the safety of drug-free playgrounds.

S. 2248

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2248, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the number of children eligible for free school meals, with a phased-in transition period, with an offset.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2298

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2319

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2319, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 2366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National

School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2515

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2515, a bill to ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries have the opportunity to receive care in a home and community-based setting.

S. 2527

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2527, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 2529

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2529, a bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2552

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2552, a bill to enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market, and for other purposes.

S. 2556

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2556, a bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

S. 2622

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2622, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 2642

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2642, a bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation, and to ensure that employers

consider these requests; and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain growing low-wage occupations, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2655

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2655, a bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.

S. 2659

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2659, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their services, and for other purposes.

S. 2686

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries.

S. 2687

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2687, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2689

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2699

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2699, a bill to require the National Credit Union

Administration to provide pass-through share insurance for the deposits or shares of any interest on lawyers trust accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR], the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. ALEXANDER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint

coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2714, *supra*.

S. 2743

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2743, a bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 2746

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2762, a bill to prevent future propane shortages, and for other purposes.

S. 2777

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2777, a bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

S. 2779

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2779, a bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality.

S. 2781

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2781, a bill to improve student and exchange visitor visa programs.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2789

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2789, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 2795

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2795, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of eligible program.

S. 2796

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2796, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances.

S. 2811

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2811, a bill to prohibit the distribution in commerce of children's products and upholstered furniture containing certain flame retardants, and for other purposes.

S. 2814

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2814, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes.

S. 2827

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2827, a bill to amend section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude Federal student aid from taxable gross income.

S. 2833

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2833, a bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

S. 2848

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2848, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 44, a joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

SENATE RESOLUTION 372

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 372, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 420

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 420, a resolution designating the week of October 6 through October 12, 2014, as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care.

SENATE RESOLUTION 540

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 540, a resolution recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 541

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 541, a resolution recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2014, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing and Enhancing Protections in Consumer Financial Services."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 18, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Fulfilling the Promise: Overcoming Persistent Barriers to Economic Self-Sufficiency for People with Disabilities."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 18, 2014, at 11 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Audits of Large Partnerships."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 18, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 12:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 476. An act to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park Commission.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 24. An act to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5462. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 106(b)(5)(B) of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315), the Speaker's appointments of May 25, 2010, and December 22, 2010, of individuals on the part of the House of

Representatives to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity expired on May 25, 2014, and that pursuant to section 106 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of six years: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Mr. Arthur E. Keiser, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mr. William Pepicello of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Mr. Arthur J. Rothkopf of Washington, DC.

At 1:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1603. An act to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 2154. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

S. 2258. An act to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

At 5:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 476. An act to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.

H.R. 4751. An act to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4809. An act to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5462. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2779

Mr. CRUZ asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2779) to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

After debate,
Ms. HIRONO objected.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

The hour of 1 p.m. having passed,
Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 124) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending joint resolution on page 19, line 15, by striking "30 days," and inserting "29 days" (being amendment No. 3851).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "29 days," and inserting "28 days" (being amendment No. 3852).

On motion by Mr. REID to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3853).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3853) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking "October 31," and inserting "October 30" (being amendment No. 3854).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking "30," and inserting "29" (being amendment No. 3855).

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending joint resolution; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 124:

HARRY REID, BARBARA MIKULSKI, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., JOHN E. WALSH, MAZIE HIRONO, CORY BOOKER, HEIDI HEITKAMP, BARBARA BOXER, BILL NELSON, DICK DURBIN, S. WHITEHOUSE, AMY KLOBUCHAR, JACK REED, BEN CARDIN, CARL LEVIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3855 to amendment No. 3854 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3853) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That Senators be authorized to "file" first-degree amendments to joint resolution H.J. Res. 124 until 2 p.m. on today, and second-degree amendments until 3:30 p.m. on today.

Ordered further, That, if a motion to table an amendment to joint resolution H.J. Res. 124 is made, pursuant to the order of yesterday, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to said motion upon conclusion of debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 124; that, if a Budget Act point of order is raised, pursuant to the order of yesterday, a motion to waive in relation thereto be considered made; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to waive upon disposition of the motion to bring to a close debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 124.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3855 to amendment No. 3854 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3853) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. PAUL asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 3856).

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3855 to amendment No. 3854 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3853) contained in the motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. CRUZ to lay pending amendment No. 3852 on the table.

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being on agreeing to the pending motion.

Pending debate,

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the pending motion and amendments be laid aside; and that he be recognized to propose an amendment (Numbered 3845).

Ms. MIKULSKI objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 3852.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday, relative to the consideration of various nominations on the executive calendar, be modified to include the nomination of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 124.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 3852.

Pending debate,

DEBBIE SMITH REAUTHORIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. LEAHY,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4323) to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

The Senate resumed consideration of joint resolution H.J. Res. 124.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 3852.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. MIKULSKI,

Ordered, That time for debate on joint resolution H.J. Res. 124 be considered concluded.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The question being taken on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 3852.

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 50, nays... 50

[Rollcall Vote No. 268 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

NAYS --- 50

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3855 to amendment No. 3854 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3853) contained in motion to commit the pending joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on today, to bring to a close debate on pending joint resolution H.J. Res. 124.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 73, nays... 27

[Rollcall Vote No. 269 Leg.]

YEAS --- 73

Ayotte, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey,

Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 27

Alexander, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Brown, Burr, Coburn, Collins, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, Manchin, Moran, Murphy, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Scott, Sessions, Toomey, Warren.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The pending motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions (designated amendment No. 3853), and amendment Nos. 3854 and 3855 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3852 to amendment No. 3851 to the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate having been considered concluded.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The pending amendments were withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The joint resolution was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. ENZI,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the joint resolution.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 78, nays... 22

[Rollcall Vote No. 270 Leg.]

YEAS --- 78

Alexander, Ayotte, Bennett, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Levin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Rubio, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 22

Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Brown, Coburn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Gillibrand, Heller, Leahy, Lee,

Manchin, Markey, Moran, Murphy, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Sanders, Sessions, Warren.

So it was

Resolved, That the joint resolution do pass.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

On the request of Mr. THUNE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 566) celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of South Dakota, submitted today by Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. TIM JOHNSON), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2432

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2432.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the questions of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia; that, if a motion is agreed to, on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; that the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL S. 1086

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment

(in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to bill S. 1086:

HARRY REID, T.R. HARKIN, B.A. MIKULSKI, MAZIE K. HIRONO, DICK DURBIN, ANGUS KING, JR., JON TESTER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, BILL NELSON, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., ELIZABETH WARREN, BRIAN SCHATZ, PATRICK J. LEAHY, AL FRANKEN, S. WHITEHOUSE, BEN CARDIN, TIM KAINE.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 3923).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to concur with amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 3924).

On motion by Mr. REID to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3925).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to refer.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3925) contained in the pending motion to commit, at the appropriate place, by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 3926).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4," and inserting "5" (being amendment No. 3927).

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3927 to amendment No. 3926 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3925) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF TECHNICAL, POLICY, AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS TO ADDRESS CERTAIN ENERGY NEEDS

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3928, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PAUL D. WELLSTONE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 594) to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE INTERSTATE LAND SALES FULL DISCLOSURE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2600) to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRIBAL GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3043) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE SETTLEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3716) to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

IMPROVING MEDICARE POST-ACUTE CARE TRANSFORMATION ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4994) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXAMINATION AND SUPERVISORY PRIVILEGE PARITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5062) to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPIRING AUTHORITIES ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5404) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FEDERAL DATA CENTER CONSOLIDATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1611) to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR for Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BENNET) to amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) on page 22, by striking lines 11 through 24, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3929).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR for Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. AYOTTE) to further amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), on page 16, after line 18, by inserting certain words (being amendment No. 3930).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BORDER PATROL AGENT PAY REFORM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1691) to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. CARPER) to amend the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the

appropriate place, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3931).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BLACKFOOT RIVER LAND EXCHANGE ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2040) to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. CRAPO) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3932, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PREVENTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH CONTRACTORS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2061) to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ENHANCING THE LABELING, ACCESSING, AND BRANDING OF ELECTRONIC LICENSES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2583) to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2673) to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mrs. BOXER) to amend the pending bill on page 8 by striking certain lines, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3933).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO OFFER REWARDS FOR INFORMATION ON THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF JAMES FOLEY AND STEVEN SOTLOFF

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2778) to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO HENRY JOHNSON

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2793) to

authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4980) to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, July 24, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

IMPROPER PAYMENTS AGENCY COOPERATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1360) to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR for Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3934, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 420) designating the week of October 6 through October 12, 2014, as "Naturopathic Medicine Week" to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING VETERANS DAY AS A SPECIAL "WELCOME HOME COMMEMORATION"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Veterans Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 479) recognizing Veterans Day 2014 as a special "Welcome Home Commemoration" for all who have served in the military since September 14, 2001.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BURR) to amend the preamble, in the sixth whereas clause, by striking "marines," and inserting "Marines" (being amendment No. 3935).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 529) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and commending its members for their courage and sacrifice in service to the United States.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN IRAQ

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 530) expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the accompanying preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the committee, so as to read: "A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the terrorist group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)."

RECOGNIZING THE SEVERE THREAT THAT THE EBOLA OUTBREAK IN WEST AFRICA POSES ACROSS AFRICA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 541) recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the accompanying preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DON'T TAX OUR FALLEN PUBLIC SAFETY HEROES

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2912) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income, introduced on today by Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "UNITED STATES AND INDIA PARTNERSHIP DAY"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 571) designating September 30, 2014, as "United States and India Partnership Day," submitted today by Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. MENENDEZ), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONGRATULATING THE SAILORS OF THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE FORCE UPON THE COMPLETION OF 4,000 BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE DETERRENT PATROLS

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 572) congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 4,000 ballistic missile submarine (SSBN)

deterrent patrols, submitted today by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 573) commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, submitted today by Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MARK UDALL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. HAGAN, and Ms. WARREN), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 574) designating the week of September 20 through September 27, 2014, as "National Estuaries Week," submitted today by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. AYOTTE), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 575) designating September 2014 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month," submitted today by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 44) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, submitted today by Mr. REID, and at the desk; and

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding an adjournment, committees be authorized to "file" legislative and executive reports on

Wednesday, October 1, 2014, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until Wednesday, November 12, 2014, the majority leader, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REED, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CARDIN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2014, FOR PRO FORMA SESSIONS, FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 12, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 4 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, September 25, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, September 29, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, October 2, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, October 9, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, October 13, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, October 16, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 10:15 a.m. on Monday, October 20, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, October 23, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, October 27, 2014, for a pro forma

session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, October 30, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, November 3, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Thursday, November 6, 2014, for a pro forma session; that the Senate then adjourn until 12 noon on Monday, November 10, 2014, for a pro forma session; that no business be conducted during said pro forma sessions; that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014; that, on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Randolph D. Moss and Leigh Martin May, as pursuant to the order of today; and that the first vote therein be the first rollcall vote of the day.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that the House has agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 44, the Senate adjourn, as pursuant to the provisions of said concurrent resolution, until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, for a pro forma session; and that the Senate then adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate subsequently (on Friday, September 19, 2014) having received a message from the House of Representatives announcing it had agreed to concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 44,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 10:31 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014

Mr. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, from the State of Maryland, called the Senate to order at 10:00:02 a.m., and

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, October 15, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN took the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014,

At 10:00:31 a.m.,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of Thursday, September 18, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2609

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S.2609) to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

APPOINTMENTS DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014,

The following appointments were made during the foregoing adjournment of the Senate:

To the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110-315: Mr. George Hanks Brown, of Colorado;

To the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, as amended by Public Law 110-315: Mr. John White, of Nevada.

To the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, pursuant to Public Law 100-458, sec.114(b)(2)(c): Mr. Coons.

To the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, pursuant to Public Law 100-458, sec.114(b)(2)(c): Mr. Mike Moore, of Mississippi.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT
RESOLUTION PRESENTED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Friday, September 19, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 476. A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Monday, September 29, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
SUBMITTED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Thursday, September 18, 2014, the following reports of committees were submitted on Wednesday, October 1, 2014:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1622, A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-264).

Report to accompany S. 1948, A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (Rept. No. 113-265).

Report to accompany S. 2299, A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (Rept. No. 113-266).

Report to accompany S. 2465, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico (Rept. No. 113-267).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1347. A bill to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences (Rept. No. 113-268).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 1690. A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2646. A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, September 19, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 40. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 4323. An act to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 124. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of September 18, 2014, the enrolled joint resolution was signed on Friday, September 19, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. ROCKEFELLER).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of September 18, 2014, the enrolled bill was signed on Monday, September 29, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

The message also announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 594. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2600. An act to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.

H.R. 3043. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

H.R. 3716. An act to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5062. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5404. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of September 18, 2014, the enrolled bills were signed on Friday, September 19, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. CARPER).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Thursday, September 25, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of

Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 4980. An act to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and improve international child support recovery.

H.R. 4994. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 40. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of September 18, 2014, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on Friday, September 26, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. REID).

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO IRAN -- PM 54

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2014.

Because our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the agreements with Iran, dated January 19, 1981, is still under way, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12170 with respect to Iran.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, NOVEMBER 12, 2014.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7171. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of a comprehensive and sustained counterterrorism strategy to stop the advance by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), received during adjournment of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7172. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of targeted strikes in Syria, received during adjournment of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7173. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Butanedioic Acid, 2-methylene-, polymer with 2,5-fuandione, sodium and ammonium salts, hydrogen peroxide-initiated; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9915-81), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7174. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, butyl ester, polymer with 1,6-diisocyanatohexane, N-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methyl-2-propenamide and 2-propenenitrile; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9915-82), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7175. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Issued Under the Export Apple Act; Exempting Bulk Shipments to Canada From Minimum Requirements and Inspections" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0022; FV14-33-1 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7176. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0057; FV14-987-3 IR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7177. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to chemical agent destruction operations at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7178. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Clyde D. Moore II, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7179. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OCC Guidelines Establishing Heightened Standards for Certain Large Insured National Banks, Insured Federal Savings Associations, and Insured Federal Branches; Integration of Regulations" (RIN1557-AD78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7180. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report entitled "Report to the Congress: Russian Sanctions: Restrictions on Certain Military End Uses and End-Users"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7181. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7182. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Community Planning and Development (CPD) Regulations" (RIN2506-AC36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7183. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG26), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7184. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Understandings Reached at the 2005, 2012, and 2013 Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Plenary Meetings and a 2009 NSG Intersessional Decision; Additions to the List of NSG Participating Countries; Correction" (RIN0694-AD58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7185. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of construction of the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility (MOX facility) at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site in South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7186. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7187. A communication from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the Incident Management, Analysis and Reporting System" (RIN1090-AB02), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7188. A communication from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the Debarment and Suspension Program" (RIN1090-AA94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7189. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Open Burning Rule" (FRL No. 9916-47-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7190. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, State of California, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, New Source Review" (FRL No. 9916-06-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7191. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan; State Stationary Source Rules" (FRL No. 9912-67-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7192. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): Use of Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods for Permit Applications and Reporting; Correction" ((RIN2040-AC84)(FRL No. 9916-33-OW)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7193. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9915-35-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7194. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; 2014 Amendments to West Virginia's Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9916-82-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7195. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 59" (FRL No. 9916-74-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7196. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7197. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7198. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7199. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-054); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7200. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-089); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7201. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-078); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7202. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7203. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates--Visa and Citizenship Services Fee Changes; Correction" (RIN1400-AD47), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7204. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug

Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Postmarketing Safety Reports for Human Drug and Biological Products; Electronic Submission Requirements" ((RIN9010-AF96)(Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0334)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7205. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Edition Release 2 Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certification Criteria and the ONC HIT Certification Program; Regulatory Flexibilities, Improvements, and Enhanced Health Information Exchange" (RIN0991-AB92), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7206. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7207. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2014 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7208. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7209. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Legal Process for the Enforcement of a Tax Levy or Criminal Restitution Order Against a Participant Account." (5 CFR Part 1653), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7210. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United

States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the March 2014 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7211. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7212. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Home Adaptation Grants for Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans with Certain Vision Impairment" (RIN2900-AP12), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7213. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating Certain Citations in VA Medical Regulations" (RIN2900-AP04), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7214. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program; Amendment of Procedures and Notification of Request for Referendum" (AMS-LPS-13-0066), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7215. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Sheep Industry Improvement Center" (AMS-LPS-14-0028), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7216. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modification of the Handling Regulations for Yellow Fleshed and White Types of Potatoes" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0026; FV14-946-1 FIR), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7217. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Modification of Container Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0046; FV14-945-2 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7218. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0051; FV14-915-1 IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7219. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Mangoes From Jamaica Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD80)(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0018)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7220. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Standard Requirements; Addition of Terminology To Define Veterinary Biologics Test Results" ((RIN0579-AD86)-(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0034)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7221. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Bananas From the Philippines Into Hawaii and U.S. Territories" ((RIN0579-AD82)(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0045)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7222. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle; Addition of Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles" (Docket No. APHIS-2010-0031), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7223. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Cape Gooseberry From Colombia Into the United States; Technical Amendment" ((RIN0579-AD79)(Docket No. APHIS-2012-0038)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7224. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of Areas in the Philippines Considered Free of Mango Seed Weevil and Mango Pulp Weevil and Establishment of a Lower Irradiation Dose as a Treatment for Mango Pulp Weevil" ((RIN0579-AD84)-(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0057)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7225. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds" (RIN0570-AA30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7226. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetraacetylenediamine and Its Metabolite, Diacetylenediamine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9916-44), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7227. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluoxastrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9916-28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7228. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Nonylphenol Category; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" ((RIN2025-AA34)(FRL No. 9915-59-OEI)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7229. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfentazone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9915-47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7230. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's 2014 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7231. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Institution Stockholder Voting Procedures" (RIN3052-AC85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7232. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Loan Programs; Entity Eligibility" (RIN0560-AI25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7233. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs" (RIN0560-AI24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014;

to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7234. A communication from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminate the 6-Day Reservation Period Requirement for Rural Development Obligations" (RIN0575-ZA01), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7235. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7236. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2009 and 2010 Operation and Maintenance, Army, and fiscal year 2010 Other Procurement, Army, funds, that occurred at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, and was assigned Army case number 13-05; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7237. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 report relative to data mining (OSS-2014-1682); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7238. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the EP-3 and Special Projects Aircraft Electronic Intelligence (OSS-2014-1683); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7239. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report authorizing the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security to order the Selected Reserve and certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to active duty to augment the active forces in support of Operation United Assistance; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7240. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7241. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7242. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7243. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7244. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7245. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of four (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7246. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Jan-Marc Jouas, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7247. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7248. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation: Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels" ((RIN0750-AI38)(DFARS Case 2014-D012)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the

President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7249. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates-Taxes" ((RIN0750-AI19)(DFARS Case 2013-D025)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7250. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Storage, Treatment, and Disposal of Toxic or Hazardous Materials-Statutory Update" ((RIN0750-AI07)(DFARS Case 2013-D013)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7251. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Flowdown of Specialty Metals Restrictions" ((RIN0750-AI30)(DFARS Case 2014-D011)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7252. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Limitation on Use of Cost-reimbursement Line Items" ((RIN0750-AI16)(DFARS Case 2013-D016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7253. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Period for Task and Delivery Order Contracts-Deletion of Congressional Reporting Requirement" ((RIN0750-AI35)(DFARS Case 2014-D018)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7254. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Payment in Local Currency (Afghanistan)" ((RIN0750-AI14)-

(DFARS Case 2013-D029)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7255. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7256. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7257. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7258. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7259. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7260. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2013 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7261. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7262. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7263. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards: Ground Anchor Installations" (RIN2502-AJ15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7264. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Section 232 Healthcare Facility Insurance Program--Aligning Operator Financial Reports With HUD's Uniform Financial Reporting Standards" (RIN2502-AJ125), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7265. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Russian Sanctions: Addition of Persons to the Entity List and Restrictions on Certain Military End Uses and Military End Users" (RIN0694-AG28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7266. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition and Modification of Certain Persons on the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG21), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7267. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7268. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports

to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7269. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report entitled "Report to the Congress: Export and Reexport License Requirements for Integrated Circuits, Seismic Detection Systems, Helicopter Landing System Radars, and Technology for Infrared Up-Conversion Devices"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7270. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7271. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7272. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7273. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7274. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7275. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liquidity Coverage Ratio: Liquidity Risk Measurement Standards" (RIN3064-AE04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7276. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Technical Corrections to Conform the Commission's Regulations to the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013" (RIN1902-AE93), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7277. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities" (Docket No. RM05-5-022; Order No. 676-H), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7278. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Concession Contracts" (RIN1024-AE22), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7279. A communication from the Division Chief, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees" (RIN1004-AE36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7280. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Access to and Ownership of Records" (RIN1991-AB85), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7281. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Green Building Certification Systems for Federal Buildings" (RIN1904-AC13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7282. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Final Principles of Integrated Resource Planning for Use in Resource Acquisition and Transmission Planning" (10 CFR Part 905), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7283. A communication from the Designated Federal Official, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States World War One Centennial Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7284. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Lynnhaven River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Project, Virginia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7285. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment of the Canada Lynx and Revised Distinct Population Segment Boundary" (RIN1018-AZ77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7286. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Sharpnose Shiner and Smalleye Shiner" (RIN1018-AZ34), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7287. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Sharpnose Shiner and Smalleye Shiner" (RIN1018-AY55), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7288. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for *Physaria globosa* (Short's bladderpod), *Helianthus verticillatus* (whorled sunflower), and *Leavenworthia crassa* (fleshy-fruit glade-cress)" (RIN1018-AZ11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7289. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Physaria globosa* (Short's bladderpod), *Helianthus verticillatus* (whorled sunflower), and *Leavenworthia crassa* (fleshy-fruit glade-cress)" (RIN1018-AZ60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7290. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for *Arabis georgiana* (Georgia rock-cress)" (RIN1018-AY72), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7291. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Georgia Rock-cress" (RIN1018-AZ55), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7292. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding 10 Species to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BA55), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7293. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Florida Leafwing and Bartram's Scrub-Hairstreak Butterflies" (RIN1018-AZ08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7294. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Florida Leafwing and Bartram's Scrub-Hairstreak Butterflies" (RIN1018-AZ59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7295. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Brickellia mosieri (Florida Brickell-bush) and Linum carteri var. carteri (Carter's Small-flowered Flax)" (RIN1018-AZ15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7296. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Agave eggersiana and Gonocalyx concolor, and Threatened Species Status for Varronia rupicola" (RIN1018-AZ10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7297. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the

Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Agave eggersiana, Gonocalyx concolor, and Varronia rupicola" (RIN1018-AZ79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7298. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for Vandenberg Monkeyflower" (RIN1018-AY27), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7299. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for Oregon Spotted Frog" (RIN1018-AZ04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7300. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Assessment of Licensed Operators or Applicants for Operator Licenses at Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.134, Revision 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7301. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Format and Content for a Specific License Application for an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation or Monitored Retrievable Storage Facility" (Regulatory Guide 3.50, Revision 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7302. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel" ((RIN3150-AJ20)(NRC-2012-0246)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7303. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands" (RIN1018-AZ80), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7304. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Early-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AZ80), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7305. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2014-15 Early Season" (RIN1018-AZ80), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7306. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO₂, and 2010 SO₂ NAAQS" (FRL No. 9917-60-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7307. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; State Boards Requirements" (FRL No. 9917-69-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7308. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 9917-62-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7309. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Nevada; Clark County; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9917-82-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Amendments to Gasoline Vapor Recovery Requirements for Illinois." (FRL No. 9917-42-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9917-61-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9917-84-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9917-

81-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, California Air Resources Board - Consumer Products" (FRL No. 9915-53-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; Approval of the Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plan of the Washington, DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9917-39-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Las Vegas Valley, Nevada; Redesignation to Attainment for PM10" (FRL No. 9917-23-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9915-37-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7318. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1997 Fine Particle (PM2.5)

National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS; Correction" (FRL No. 9917-34-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7319. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Idaho State Implementation Plan; Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: Idaho, Northern Ada County PM10 Second Ten-Year Maintenance Plan and Pinehurst PM10 Contingency Measures" (FRL No. 9917-38-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7320. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9916-02-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7321. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries" (FRL No. 9917-28-OSWER), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7322. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7323. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Recovery Auditing in Medicare for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7324. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA): Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution, 2013"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7325. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of

the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund" ((RIN1505-AC49)-(31 CFR Part 34)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7326. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to List of User Fee Airports: Addition of John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, California and Renaming of Williams Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport" (CBP Dec. 14-10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7327. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment in group trusts by certain Puerto Rico retirement plans and by certain insurance company separate accounts" (Rev. Rul. 2014-24), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7328. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - October 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7329. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Method Changes for Final Disposition Regs" (Rev. Proc. 2014-54), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7330. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Rev. Proc. 2011-16" (Rev. Proc. 2014-51), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7331. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Regarding Inversions and Related Transactions" (Notice

2014-52), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7332. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014-2015 Special Per Diem Rates" (Notice 2014-57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7333. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Allocation of After-Tax Amounts to Rollovers" (Notice 2014-54), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7334. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1298(f) Reporting Requirements for U.S. Persons that Hold Stock of a Passive Foreign Investment Company that is Marked to Market Under Section 475 or Another Chapter 1 Code Provision Other Than Section 1296" (Notice 2014-51), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7335. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7336. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Retirement Benefit Plan Returns Required on Magnetic Media" ((RIN1545-BL54)(TD 9695)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7337. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authority for Voluntary Withholding on Other Payments" ((RIN1545-BL92)(TD 9692)), received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7338. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Rules Regarding Hybrid Retirement Plans" ((RIN1545-BI16)(TD 9693)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7339. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The \$500,000 deduction limit for remuneration provided by certain health insurance providers" ((RIN1545-BK88)(TD 9694)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7340. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1674); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7341. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-023); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7342. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 13-3677); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7343. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-084); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7344. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-111); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7345. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-076); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7346. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-071); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7347. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7348. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-062); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7349. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7350. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7351. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to a GAO report entitled "Combating Terrorism: U.S. Efforts in Northwest Africa Would Be Strengthened by Enhanced Program Management"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7352. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0123 - 2014-0128); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7353. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at Simonds Saw and Steel Co. in Lockport, New York, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7354. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Update on the Adoption of Health Information Technology and Related Efforts to Facilitate the Electronic Use and Exchange

of Health Information"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7355. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget submission for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7356. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Vitamin D3" (Docket No. FDA-2012-F-0138), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7357. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Operator Certification" (RIN1218-AC86), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7358. A joint communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents and Toxins for Calendar Year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7359. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7360. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7361. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant

Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7362. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund is Improving the Lives of District Residents but Additional Oversight Necessary"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7363. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Improved Oversight of the UDC Land Grant Endowment Fund is Required"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7364. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification of Revised Fiscal Year 2014 Total Local Source General Fund Revenues (Net of Dedicated Taxes) in Support of the District's Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Series 2014A and 2014B)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7365. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Metropolitan Police Department First Amendment Investigations Complied with District Law in 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7366. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District Special Events Processes Can Be Improved"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7367. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Public Schools' Budget Development and Execution Processes Were Not Sufficient to Avoid Divisional Over- and Under-Spending"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7368. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Records Subject to FOIA" (RIN3095-AB73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7369. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Government Affairs

Division, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7370. A communication from the General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7371. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 FAIR Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7372. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2014 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7373. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flag Recognition Benefit for Fallen Federal Civilian Employees" (RIN3206-AM58), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7374. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7375. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Credit Union Administration's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7376. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-77; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2014-0052), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7377. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Uniform Procurement Identification" (RIN9000-AM60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7378. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Irrevocable Letters of Credit" (RIN9000-AM53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7379. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Contracting Programs for Minority-Owned and Other Small Businesses" (RIN9000-AM05), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7380. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-77; Introduction" (FAC 2005-77), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7381. A communication from the Acting Director of the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Lead System Integrators (HSAR Case 2009-003)" (RIN1601-AA49), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24,

2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7382. A communication from the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of four recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 60th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7383. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7384. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board Annual Performance Report for FY 2013 and Annual Performance Plan for FY 2014 (Final) and FY 2015 (Proposed)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7385. A communication from the Acting Director, Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Injury and Illness Reporting Requirements--NAICS Update and Reporting Revisions; Final Rule" (RIN1218-AC50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7386. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2014 Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)" (OSS-2014-1546); to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-7387. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7388. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7389. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (32) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7390. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7391. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (United States of America v. P.H. Glatfelter Company and NCR Corporation); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7392. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Independent Expenditures and Electioneering Communications by Corporations and Labor Organizations" (Notice 2014-10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7393. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment or Reimbursement for Certain Medical Expenses for Camp Lejeune Family Members" (RIN2900-AO79), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7394. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hospital Care and Medical Services for Camp Lejeune Veterans" (RIN2900-AO78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7395. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Claims and Appeals Forms" (RIN2900-AO81), received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7396. A communication from the Acting Deputy Chief Counsel (Regulations and Security Standards), Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cessation of the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee (ASIF)" (RIN1652-AA018), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7397. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Fishery; Framework Adjustment 2" (RIN0648-BD99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7398. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States" (RIN0648-BD93), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7399. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Final Listing Determinations on Proposal To List 66 Reef-Building Coral Species and To Reclassify Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals; Final Rule" (RIN0648-XT12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7400. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 26 and Amendment 29 Supplement" (RIN0648-BD36), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7401. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for

Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North and South Atlantic 2014 Commercial Swordfish Quotas" (RIN0648-BD96), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7402. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Areal American Fisheries Act; Amendment 106" (RIN0648-BD35), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7403. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 105" (RIN0648-BD23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7404. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, Whale Shark Conservation Measures" (RIN0648-BD53), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7405. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telecommunications Relay Services And Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Waivers of iTRS Mandatory Minimum Standards" (FCC 14-125), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7406. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (McCall, Idaho)" ((MB Docket No. 14-69)(DA 14-1400)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7407. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sports Blackout Rules" ((MB Docket No. 12-3)(FCC 14-141)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7408. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58" (FCC 14-98), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7409. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification and Revocation of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Northcentral United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0960)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7410. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Flagstaff, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0957)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7411. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Hulett, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1016)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7412. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation By Reference" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0450)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7413. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Albuquerque, NM" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0994)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7414. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification and Revocation of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Sandusky, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0274)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7415. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of VOR Federal Airway V-298 in the Vicinity of Pasco, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0369)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7416. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Pine Knot, KY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0441)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7417. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D. Airspace and Amendment of Class E Airspace; Blackstone, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0220)),

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7418. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cynthiana, KY" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2013-1074)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7419. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification and Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Western United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0271)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7420. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Restricted Areas R-2901A, B, G, H, J, K, L and N; Avon Park, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0703)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7421. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Northeast ME" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0273)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7422. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (118); Amdt. No. 3604" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7423. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (80); Amdt. No. 3603" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7424. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0172)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7425. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0145)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7426. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-1026)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7427. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0588)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7428. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0766)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the

Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7429. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0794)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7430. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0137)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7431. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0190)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7432. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Technify Motors GmbH Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0179)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7433. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0623)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7434. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various de Havilland Airplanes"

((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0617)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7435. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0298)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7436. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0423)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7437. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)-(Docket No. FAA-2014-0216)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7438. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0929)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7439. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0390)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7440. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0061)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7441. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rockwell Collins, Inc. Transponders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0326)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7442. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0464)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7443. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP (Type Certificate Previously Held by Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0003)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7444. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0088)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7445. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; APEX Aircraft Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0647)), received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7446. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0978)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7447. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments 38; Amendment No. 515" (RIN2120-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7448. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255" (FCC 14-118), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7449. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2014, MD Docket No. 14-92, FCC 14-129; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013, MD Docket No. 13-140; and Procedures for Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees, MD Docket No. 12-201" (FCC 14-129), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7450. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program Application Requirements" (RIN2125-AF50), received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7451. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Value Engineering" (RIN2125-AF64), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7452. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2015 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2015" (RIN2127-AL50), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7453. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program Application Requirements" (RIN2132-AB15), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7454. A communication from the Procurement Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Organization and Delegation of Powers and Duties in the Transportation Acquisition Regulation" (RIN2105-AE34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7455. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Roswell International Air Center (ROW); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7456. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Communications, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Protective Services Enforcement" (RIN2700-AE10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7457. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XD386), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7458. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7459. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7460. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD520), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7461. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2014 Commercial Fishing for Pacific Bluefin Tuna Closed in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-XD448), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7462. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper" (RIN0648-XD389), received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7463. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Reinstatement of Exemptions Related to Temporary Exports, Carnets, and Shipments Under a Temporary Import Bond" (RIN0607-AA53), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7464. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Closure of the 2014 South Atlantic Commercial Sector for Red Snapper" (RIN0648-XD478), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7465. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD480), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7466. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD473), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7467. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the 2014 Trimester 2 Directed Longfin Squid Fishery" (RIN0648-XD378), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7468. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory

Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD423), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7469. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD509), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7470. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XD514), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7471. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2014 Sub-Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Harvested for Management Area 3" (RIN0648-XD501), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7472. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" (RIN0648-XD486), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7473. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD440), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7474. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable

Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD439), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7475. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XD458), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7476. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Closure for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XD474), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7477. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rex Sole in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD450), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7478. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Kamchatka Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD463), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7479. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD456), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7480. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD451), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7481. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish Hook-and-Lone Component" (RIN0648-XD352), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7482. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD438), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7483. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Regulation and Enforcement, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Program Implementation Modifications" (RIN2105-AE08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7484. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations; Ambient Standards for Nitrogen Oxides and for Ozone" (FRL No. 9916-43-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7485. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Infrastructure SIP for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide Primary Standards" (FRL No. 9916-49-Region 2), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7486. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Arizona; Redesignation of Phoenix-Mesa Area to Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9916-12-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7487. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9916-50-Region 7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7488. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; ordered to lie on the table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1793. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-269).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 1353, A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-270).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2913. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2914. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2915. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2916. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to promote watershed health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COBURN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2917. A bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2918. A bill to designate Federal election day as a public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2919. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of "widow" and "widower", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 45. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE
RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 576. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the "National Day of Writing"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 577. A resolution permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to

maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mrs. FISCHER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by

pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. MURPHY], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1090

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of

Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1904

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1904, a bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1968, a bill to allow States to let Federal funds for the education of disadvantaged children follow low-income children to the accredited or otherwise State-approved public school, private school, or supplemental educational services program they attend.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Ms. CANTWELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr.

JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 2591, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2622

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2622, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2679

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2679, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr.

BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

S. 2742

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2742, a bill to provide for public notice and input prior to the closure, consolidation, or public access limitation of field or hearing offices of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2746

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 2746, supra.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2818

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2818, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2851

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2851, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination

of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome.

S. 2856

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2856, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production of electricity from renewable resources for certain open-loop biomass and trash facilities placed in service before the date of the enactment of this Act.

S. 2863

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2863, a bill to require the Secretary of Education to complete a data analysis on the impact of the proposed rule on gainful employment prior to issuing a final rule on gainful employment.

S. 2876

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2876, a bill to establish a public education and awareness and access program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 2892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2892, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts.

SENATE RESOLUTION 540

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 540, a resolution recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 561

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 561, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that recently proposed measures that will reduce transparency and public participation at the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) should be disapproved by United States representatives to the IAIS.

SENATE RESOLUTION 573

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 573, a resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2014, at 6:15 pm, to conduct a hearing entitled "CLOSED/TS/SCI: Countering ISIL in Iraq and Syria."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2014, at 4 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; and for other purposes.

H.R. 4. An act to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2609

The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2609.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The motion was withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
CONSIDER BILL S. 2685

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2685) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to proceed; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2685:

HARRY REID, PATRICK LEAHY, S. WHITEHOUSE, MARTIN HEINRICH, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, SHERROD BROWN, TOM CARPER, AL FRANKEN, BERNARD SANDERS, CARL LEVIN, TOM UDALL, CHUCK SCHUMER, MAZIE K. HIRONO, TOM HARKIN, BARBARA BOXER, CHRIS COONS, DICK DURBIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred:)

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
BILL S. 2280

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. LANDRIEU,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; that there be six hours, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between proponents and opponents thereof; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof; that no amendment, motion, or point of order be in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage thereof; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas to pass.

Ordered further, That, if the Senate receives a bill from the House of

Representatives, identical to bill S. 2280, as passed, said bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. TOOMEY, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the motion, made by Mr. REID, to bring to a close debate on the motion, made by Mr. REID, to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes, be withdrawn; that, upon disposition of the pending nominations, the Senate proceed to legislative session to vote on the question of agreeing to a motion to concur in said House amendment; that, upon disposition thereof, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2083) to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time; and that the Senate then vote on passage thereof.

Mr. HARKIN objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
DESIGNATION OF "NATIONAL DAY
OF WRITING"

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 576) expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the "National Day of Writing," submitted today by Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4) to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2:15 P.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2:15 p.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session, as pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE,

At 7:52 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2:15 p.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2:15 p.m., the Reverend Dr. George Dillard, Senior Pastor, of Peachtree City Christian Church, in Peachtree City, Georgia, offered a prayer, and PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 2:15 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

**HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL
S. 1086**

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID on Thursday, September 18, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion, made by Mr. REID on that day, to concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 96, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 275 Leg.]

YEAS --- 96

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch,

Roberts, Rubio, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Lee.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

The pending motion to refer the House message on bill S. 1086 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions (designated amendment No. 3925), and amendments Numbered 3926 and 3927 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3924 to amendment No. 3923 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 1086.

Pending debate,

**OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 2650**

Mr. GRAHAM asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the two leaders, but not later than Monday, November 24, 2014, the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2650) to provide for congressional review of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof, with no intervening action or debate; and that, if passed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

After debate,

Mr. MURPHY objected.

**HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL
S. 1086**

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill S. 1086.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3924 to amendment No. 3923 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill S. 1086.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, be concluded on the pending House message on bill S. 1086; that the motion to concur with amendment No. 3923 then be withdrawn; and that the Senate then

vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the motion to concur in the House amendment to bill S. 1086, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia; that, if a motion is agreed to on an aforementioned nomination, following disposition of the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, as pursuant to the order of yesterday, the Senate proceed to executive session; that time for debate on said nominations, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order that its motion to bring to a close debate was agreed to; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that, upon disposition of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, the Senate resume its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL S. 2685

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate resumes its legislative session upon disposition of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2685) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill S. 2685; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration;

that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; and that Mrs. BOXER, or her designee, control time in opposition to bill S. 2280.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7489. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0708)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7490. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, Hydrocross, Lake Dora; Tavares, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0691)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7491. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone, Change of Enforcement Period, Chesapeake Bay; Between Sandy Point and Kent Island, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0296)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7492. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Detroit Offshore Grand Prix, Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0729)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7493. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation and Safety Zone; Marine Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA08 and RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0717)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7494. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gulfstar 1 SPAR, Mississippi Canyon Block 724, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0242)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7495. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones, Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0874)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7496. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Urban Shield 2014, South San Francisco Bay, Oakland, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0658)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7497. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Shallowbag Bay; Manteo, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0723)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7498. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Seafood Festival Fireworks, Fox River, Menasha, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0748)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7499. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Lower Mississippi River Mile 94.0 to Mile 95.0; New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0531)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7500. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Diego Tri-Rock Triathlon; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0600)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7501. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Vigor Industrial Ferry Construction, West Duwamish Waterway, Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0805)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7502. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Tarague Basin; Anderson AFB, GU" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0732)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7503. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lucas Oil Thunder on the River; Thompson Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0611)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7504. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Wrightsville Channel; Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0200)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7505. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; IncreDoubleman Triathlon, Lake Ontario, Sackets Harbor, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0745)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7506. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping and Transportation; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-ZA33)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0688)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7507. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Seattle Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race, Lake Washington, WA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2013-1018)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7508. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Diego Sharkfest Swim; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0695)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7509. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 2014 Life Time Tri; Oceanside Harbor, Oceanside, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0772)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7510. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; International Jet Sports Boating Association World Finals; Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0610)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the

Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7511. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Riverside Music Festival, Missouri River, mile 372.0; Riverside, MO" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0700)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7512. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personal Flotation Devices Labeling and Standards" ((RIN1625-AC02)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0263)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7513. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Taylor Bayou Outfall Canal (Joint Outfall Canal), TX" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0386)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7514. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; South Bristol Gut Bridge Replacement, South Bristol, ME" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0214)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7515. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments; Correction" ((RIN1625-AC13)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0410)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7516. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Safety Zone, TENNESSEE RIVER between mile 4.8 to 5.8; Ledbetter, KY" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0831)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7517. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Bridge Demolition, Fox River, Green Bay, WI" (Docket No. USCG-2014-0835), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7518. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Dignitary Arrival/Departure and United Nations Meetings, New York, NY" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0737)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7519. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Suisun Bay Electromagnetic Scan and Ordnance Recovery, Suisun Bay, Concord, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0862)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7520. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Saugus River, Revere and Lynn, MA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0272)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7521. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Delaware River; Delaware City, DE" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0883)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7522. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Navy Exercise, Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean; Cape May, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0855)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7523. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; University of Alabama vs. University of Alabama at Huntsville Rowing Competition; Black Warrior River mm 339 to mm 341.65; Tuscaloosa, AL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0791)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7524. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gulf of Mexico Highly Migratory Species (HMS); Commercial Blacknose Sharks and Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks (SCS) in the Gulf of Mexico Region" (RIN0648-XD475), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7525. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations, U.S. Hydro-Drag Nationals, Lake Dora; Tavares, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0643)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7526. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AAPD and AAASD; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9917-03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7527. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prallethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9917-30), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7528. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paraquat Dichloride; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9917-15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7529. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Unshu Oranges From Japan Into the United States" ((RIN0579-AD85)(Docket No. APHIS-2013-0059)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7530. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure to Shareholders; Pension Benefit Disclosures" (RIN3052-AD02), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7531. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Other Than Bermuda-Granex-Grano/Creole; Bermuda-Granex-Grano" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0013), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7532. A communication from the Acting Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Interim Rule" (RIN0578-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7533. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluensulfone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9914-35), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7534. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "C9 Rich Aromatic Hydrocarbons, C10-11 Rich Aromatic Hydrocarbons, and C11-12 Rich Aromatic Hydrocarbons; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9916-23), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7535. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiabendazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9915-78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7536. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyoxyalkylated sorbitan fatty acid esters; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9916-97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7537. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metrafenone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9917-56), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7538. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pseudomonas fluorescens strain D7; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9916-13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7539. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Relaxing Grade Requirements on Valencia and Other Late Type Oranges" (Docket No.

AMS-FV-14-0041; FV14-905-2 FIR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7540. A communication from the Associate Administrator, National Organic Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program (NOP); Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops and Processing)" ((RIN0581-AD32)(Docket No. AMS-NOP-13-0011; NOP-13-01FR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7541. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusion of Utility Operations-Related Swaps with Utility Special Entities from De Minimis Threshold for Swaps with Special Entities" (RIN3038-AE19), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7542. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7543. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on the Purchase and Usage of Ammunition for 2013"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7544. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David S. Fadok, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7545. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Gilmary M. Hostage III, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7546. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General James F. Amos, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7547. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and

Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Donald M. Campbell, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7548. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Mark D. Harnitchek, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7549. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7550. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7551. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7552. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations, Environment and Logistics), Department of the Air Force, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7553. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7554. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Department of the Army,

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7555. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Utilization of Contributions to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7556. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Deletion of Text Implementing 10 U.S.C. 2323" ((RIN0750-AH45)(DFARS Case 2011-D038)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7557. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates-Special Contracting Methods, Major System Acquisition, and Service Contracting" ((RIN0750-AI27)(DFARS Case 2014-D004)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7558. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates-Foreign Acquisition" ((RIN0750-AH94)(DFARS Case 2013-D005)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7560. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report relative to an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7561. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in

Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7562. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liquidity Coverage Ratio: Liquidity Risk Measurement Standards" (RIN7100-AE03), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7563. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7564. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Annual Privacy Notice Requirement Under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Regulation P)" ((RIN3170-AA39)-(Docket No. CFPB-2014-0010)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7565. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liquidity Coverage Ratio: Liquidity Risk Measurement Standards" (RIN3064-AE04), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7566. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Revisions to the Supplementary Leverage Ratio" (RIN3064-AE12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7567. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Risk Retention" (Commission Release No. 34-73407), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7568. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surety Companies Doing Business With the United States" ((RIN1530-AA00)(31 CFR Part 223)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7569. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7570. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7571. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7572. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Revisions to the Supplementary Leverage Ratio" (RIN1557-AD81), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7573. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7574. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension

of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7575. A communication from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014-2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7576. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Commerce Control List: Imposition of Controls on Integrated Circuits, Helicopter Landing System Radars, Seismic Detection Systems, and Technology for IR Up-Conversion Devices" (RIN0694-AG08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7577. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7578. A communication from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Appeal Procedures" (RIN1012-AA08), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7579. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material--Written Reports and Clarifying Amendments" ((RIN3150-AJ34)(NRC-2010-0271)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7580. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "ESBWR Design Certification" ((RIN3150-AI85)(NRC-2010-0135)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7581. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arkansas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9918-56-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7582. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Kentucky: New Source Review for Fine Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9918-68-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7583. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Arkansas" (FRL No. 9918-61-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7584. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1997 Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQS; Correction" (FRL No. 9917-96-Region 2), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7585. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Ohio PM_{2.5} NSR" (FRL No. 9917-92-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7586. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead and 2010 NO₂ NAAQS" (FRL No. 9917-32-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7587. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9917-02-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7588. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Amendments to Gasoline Volatility Standards and Motor Vehicle Refinishing Requirements for Illinois." (FRL No. 9914-97-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7589. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Lake County Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9912-71-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7590. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Revision to the Chicago 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9917-33-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7591. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Revisions to PSD and NNSR Programs" (FRL No. 9915-94-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7592. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9916-95-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7593. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances; Technical Correction" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9917-25)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7594. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for the 2008 Ozone and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9917-17-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7595. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions of Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; Placer County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 9915-51-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7596. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans;

Pennsylvania; Allegheny County's Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing; Flexible Package Printing; and Industrial Solvent Cleaning Operations for Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions" (FRL No. 9917-16-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7597. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources" (FRL No. 9917-10-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7598. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Air Quality Department" (FRL No. 9912-69-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7599. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Arizona; Pinal County and Gila County; Pb; Correction" (FRL No. 9916-55-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-342. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the President and Congress of the United States to encourage international intervention on behalf of the Iraqi civilians in dire need of protection from religious persecution; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 402

Whereas, Sunni Islamist insurgents and the terrorist group known as the Islamic State or IS (also known as ISIS or ISIL) have expanded control over areas in northwest and

central Iraq. IS has a stated mission of establishing an Islamic state and is moving forward through extremist attacks on Christians, Shiites, and other unprotected minorities in certain parts of the region. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqi people in the Nineveh Plain face ethnic and religious cleansing, persecution, and harassment due to attacks by the terrorists; and

Whereas, Over two-thirds of the Christian population in Iraq is made up of Chaldeans and Assyrians, with smaller populations of Syriacs and Armenians. More than 500,000 people have been displaced by the current violence in Iraq, with nearly 80% of Iraq's 1.5 million Christian population having fled since 2003. These communities in Northwestern Iraq have recently been given an ultimatum to convert, flee, or be killed. Mosul's 1800-year-old Christian community no longer exists. Many of these individuals have resettled in the United States, including Michigan. Over 130,000 Chaldeans currently reside in our state, the largest population outside of Iraq. This community has, and continues to be, a strong asset to our state, among other states in our union; and

Whereas, The United States has provided over \$73 million in humanitarian assistance to Iraq's minority populations since 2003. Yet, the crisis currently gripping northwestern Iraq has serious potential to undo all international efforts to restore stability to Iraq. Action by the United States is necessary to reaffirm our commitment to protecting minority groups facing persecution: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President and Congress of the United States to encourage international intervention on behalf of the Iraqi civilians in dire need of protection from religious persecution; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-343. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging the United States Congress to take action forthwith to amend the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 106

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people"; and

Whereas, the states primarily regulate today's health insurance market and provide aggressive oversight of all aspects of this

market and enforce consumer protection as well as ensure a local, responsive presence for consumers; and

Whereas, states like Idaho are working hard to create public-private health care partnerships and facilitate local solutions; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has passed legislation that will impose restrictions on the states' ability to regulate health plans and will require citizens to acquire health care insurance coverage; and

Whereas, the creation of a new federal system of regulation for health insurance would be inefficient, unnecessary, not cost-effective and an additional burden on states; and

Whereas, the legislation passed by the Congress will impose a legacy of untold debt on our children and grandchildren; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the citizens of the State of Idaho to have an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the Congress from making any law that would require citizens to enroll in, participate in or secure health care insurance and that would penalize any citizen who declines to purchase or participate in any health care insurance program: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature urges Congress to take action forthwith to amend the United States Constitution by adding a Twenty-eighth Amendment as follows:

The Congress shall make no law requiring citizens of the United States to enroll in, participate in or secure health care insurance or to penalize any citizen who declines to purchase or participate in any health care insurance program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States and the presiding officers of both houses of the Legislature of each of our sister states in the Union.

POM-344. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to investigate the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' treatment of military veterans seeking health care at facilities throughout the country; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 385

Whereas, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has been aware of a backlog of patients seeking to see doctors or have

specific tests completed at several VA hospitals around the nation for several years. As many as 7,000 veterans have been on the backlog list, often waiting over a year for necessary procedures or tests. The VA admits that 23 veterans have died while waiting to see a doctor. However, many believe the number of veterans to have died while waiting to be seen is much higher; and

Whereas, It has now come to light that VA facilities have, not only a backlog of patients, but also secret waiting lists, keeping veterans' names out of the computer system until they could be seen by a doctor within the required 14-day wait time. The secret waiting lists made it appear the VA facilities were meeting their performance goal to see patients in a timely manner; and

Whereas, The men and women who serve our country deserve better than lackluster medical care or no care at all. Many of them have been injured in the line of duty and come home to face medical challenges that require timely diagnosis and care. All veterans are entitled to the best care we can give them. To be deceived by a system more interested in performance goals than health care is intolerable: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Congress to investigate the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, treatment of military veterans seeking health care at facilities throughout the country; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 2041, A bill to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-271).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1045. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment (Rept. No. 113-272).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 43. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 451. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office".

H.R. 1391. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 1865. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office".

H.R. 3085. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3957. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4189. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4443. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building".

H.R. 4919. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 5019. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office".

H.R. 5106. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building".

S. 2523. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW., in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2920. A bill to deny Social Security benefits and other benefits to individuals who

participated in Nazi persecution; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2921. A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2922. A bill to reinstate reporting requirements related to United States-Hong Kong relations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2923. A bill to restore an opportunity for economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2924. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 2925. A bill to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2926. A bill to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in the State of Rhode Island; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2927. A bill to strengthen Inspector General audits and investigations by streamlining computer matching agreements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2928. A bill to prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing certain decisions that will raise costs for ratepayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 578. A resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. CARPER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 572

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 675

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts

paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN], the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAPO] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. WALSH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, supra.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to

prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.

S. 2332

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2332, a bill to expand benefits to the families of public safety officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries sustained in the line of duty and proximately resulting in death.

S. 2337

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2337, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2591, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, *supra*.

S. 2663

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2663, a bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 2687

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2687, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2689

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2779

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2779, a bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2812

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2812, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes.

S. 2814

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2814, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes.

S. 2816

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2816, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the specific exemption for

professional football leagues and to provide a special rule for other professional sports leagues, and to provide an additional authorization of appropriations for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

S. 2839

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2839, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 2841

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2841, a bill to provide for a study by the Institute of Medicine on health disparities, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities, and for other purposes.

S. 2862

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2862, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes.

S. 2909

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2909, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to end extreme global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote enduring, long-term, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilient, adaptive, local capacity of vulnerable populations, and for other related purposes.

S. 2917

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2917, a bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

SENATE RESOLUTION 561

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 561, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that recently proposed measures that will reduce transparency and public participation at the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) should be

disapproved by United States representatives to the IAIS.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2014, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2014, at 3 p.m., room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2014, at 11 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Virginia T. Lodge and Ronald A. Walter, to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 13, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the nominations of P. David Lopez to serve as General Counsel and Charlotte Burrows, to serve as a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 13, 2014, at 11 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 13, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 13, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 898. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

S. 1934. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming.

The message also announced the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5266. An act to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1233) to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4194) to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRANKEN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4) to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2) to remove Federal

Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, reported by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on yesterday, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary until Thursday, December 4, 2014; that, if said Committee has not reported the nomination by then, the Committee be discharged from its further consideration; and that it be placed on the Executive calendar.

APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND INTEGRITY

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to P.L. 110-315, had appointed the following to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Dr. Paul LeBlanc, of New Hampshire.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning

hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled for debate between the two leaders, or their designees.

Ordered further, That, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to concur in the House amendment to bill S. 1086, and vote thereon, as pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:19 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, November 14, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 898. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

S. 1934. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming.

H.R. 1233. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4194. An act to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed during the session of the Senate on today by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, November 17, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 898. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

S. 1934. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-345. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

Whereas the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded; and

Whereas the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of their people, particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under art. V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska State Legislature respectfully applies to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states.

POM-346. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska opposing the warrantless collection of

telephone call data by the National Security Agency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

Whereas the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized”; and

Whereas the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides “No person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law”; and

Whereas, on December 16, 2013, United States District Court Judge Richard Leon ruled that the National Security Agency’s program, bulk collection, and querying of telephone record metadata are likely unconstitutional; and

Whereas the legislature objects to the dragnet approach to data collection allowed by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, a court that operates in secret and, under sec. 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, issues orders that perpetuate the warrantless collection of data of nearly all Americans; and

Whereas the National Security Agency stores the date and time of calls, their duration, and the participating telephone numbers of the calls of nearly all Americans in a centralized database, which allows National Security Agency analysts to access not only those numbers, but the numbers with which the numbers have been in contact, and, in turn, the numbers in contact with those numbers; and

Whereas the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, in its January 2014 report titled “Report on the Telephone Records Program Conducted under Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and on the Operations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court,” questions the legal basis for the National Security Agency’s mass telephone call data collection program; and

Whereas, when telephone call data of Americans is collected by the National Security Agency, that data is not related to specific investigations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

Whereas orders issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court at the request of the federal government require telephone companies to provide new calling records on a daily basis, a mandate not grounded in statute; and

Whereas sec. 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act is designed to enable the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain records in the

course of investigations, but the National Security Agency’s mass collection of the records is not consistent with that design; and

Whereas the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 prohibits telephone companies from sharing consumer data with the government except in special circumstances, and the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board concluded that the National Security Agency’s telephone call data collection program may violate the Act; and

Whereas the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board found that the National Security Agency’s telephone call data collection program has not prevented, discovered, or identified terrorist attacks, plots, or suspects that threatened the security of the United States; and

Whereas the widespread collection of telephone call data of Americans reveals highly sensitive personal information; and

Whereas the legislature resolutely opposes the continuation of the National Security Agency’s warrantless data collection program; and

Whereas the legislature views the National Security Agency’s storage in a central database of the telephone call metadata of all Americans as an unconstitutional practice that should be immediately suspended; and

Whereas the history of government coercion, persecution, and abuse of personal information and human life in the twentieth century prompts the legislature to seek to protect the liberty of future generations from an oppressive and tyrannical federal government; and

Whereas the fundamental rights of Americans to speak freely and associate with others are threatened and are likely being diminished by the National Security Agency’s mass collection of telephone call data; and

Whereas the National Security Agency’s mass collection of telephone call data may intimidate or chill the freedom of expression of individuals and groups that disagree with certain government policies or result in extreme scrutiny of those persons simply for opposing those policies; and

Whereas the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court has deviated from its purpose to authorize warrants for electronic surveillance relating only to a specific person, a specific place, or a specific communications account or device; and

Whereas the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court operates in a secretive manner that prevents the court from hearing public input regarding government requests to conduct surveillance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the federal government to end the mass telephone call data collection program conducted under sec. 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, because of its lack of a

statutory foundation and because it raises serious constitutional concerns under the Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the federal government to eliminate all stored metadata upon ending the mass telephone call data collection program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to authorize the creation of a panel of private sector lawyers to serve as advocates for the public before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to increase public knowledge and oversight; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges judges of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to write opinions in a manner that allows the government to declassify and release the opinions to the public; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to work to declassify past opinions and release those opinions to the public; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States Attorney General and members of the intelligence and judiciary committees of the United States Congress to inform the Alaska State Legislature of the federal government’s activities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and provide the Alaska State Legislature with copies of reports submitted under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to prohibit the use of state personnel and resources to assist the National Security Agency in its collection of mass data on Alaskans without a specific search warrant; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature considers the National Security Agency’s unilateral collection of the telephone call data of all Americans a violation of statute, an unconstitutional program, and a troubling overreach by the federal government; the Alaska State Legislature has sworn to uphold both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska and will not assist the federal government by facilitating programs that are tyrannical in nature, that subject Americans to unreasonable and unwarranted searches, and that violate the fundamental principle of liberty; let this resolution serve as a notice to this Administration and all future Administrations that Alaskans reject surrendering their liberty in the name of an unconstitutional program.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R.

Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Chair, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Saxby Chambliss, Vice Chair, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Mike Rogers, Chair, U.S. House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable C. A. Dutch Ruppersburger, Ranking Member, U.S. House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Jeh Johnson, United States Secretary of Homeland Security; the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska; General Keith B. Alexander, United States Army, Director, National Security Agency; Richard H. Ledgett, Jr., Deputy Director, National Security Agency; James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

POM-347. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging that health, safety, and planning concerns be addressed and mitigated in the environmental review and all other review processes before project permissions be granted for Spectra Energy's Algonquin Incremental Market natural gas pipeline, compressor, and metering stations expansion project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-348. A resolution adopted by the Puerto Rico Bar Association requesting that the government of the United States exempt Puerto Rico from the regulations of the Jones Act, also known in Puerto Rico as the Cabotage Act, to allow foreign-flag ships to bring goods to the country, which has previously been done in similar situations with the U.S. Virgin Islands, Alaska, Hawaii, and other jurisdictions of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-349. A resolution adopted by the Puerto Rico Bar Association reaffirming the historical opposition of the Puerto Rico Bar Association to the death penalty and urging such actions as are necessary to implement that opposition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1804. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-273).

S. 1893. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-274).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4366. A bill to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement (Rept. No. 113-275).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2929. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review the decisions of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation affecting cost allocation under system support resources agreements; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2930. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2931. A bill to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules and consideration of the least burdensome regulatory alternative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 2932. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national

laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2933. A bill to prohibit the unauthorized use of electronic tracking devices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2934. A bill to prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2935. A bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 579. A resolution relative to the death of Howard O. Greene, Jr., former Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 580. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital

requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1086

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr.

MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage.

S. 2037

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

S. 2053

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action on the Capitol Grounds.

S. 2113

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2113, a bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

S. 2115

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2115, a bill to provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] were

added as cosponsors of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2663

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2663, a bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 2685

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2685, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 2693

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2693, a bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] and the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] were added as cosponsors of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2746

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, supra.

S. 2787

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2787, a bill to expand and clarify the

prohibition on inaccurate caller ID information.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 2828, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2876

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2876, a bill to establish a public education and awareness and access program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 2917

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2917, a bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

S. 2921

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2921, a bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

S. 2924

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2924, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2141. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2539. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research.

S. 2583. An act to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3326. An act to provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

H.R. 4846. An act to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4867. An act to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5167. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

H.R. 5682. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

H.J. Res. 129. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3326. An act to provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4846. An act to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5167. To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DEATH OF HOWARD O. GREENE, JR.

On the request of Mr. MCCONNELL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE in the chair) laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 579) relative to the death of Howard O. Greene, Jr., former Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate, submitted today by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO BILL

S. 1086

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the bill (S. 1086) to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

Time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was concluded.

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The motion, made by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill with an amendment (Numbered 3923) was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 3924 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. ALEXANDER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 88, nays... 1

[Rollcall Vote No. 276 Leg.]

YEAS --- 88

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Brown, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn,

Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 1

Lee.

So the motion was agreed to.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, upon disposition of the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross on today, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Arab Emirates, Theodore G. Osius III, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Rwanda, and Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that, if the yeas and nays are ordered on a nomination, each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2280

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, on tomorrow, time for proponent debate relative to the consideration of the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline be divided and controlled as follows: Mr. HOEVEN, or his designee, to control two hours therein; and Ms. LANDRIEU, or her designee, to control one hour therein.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2) to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users, to lower the cost of energy to consumers, to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, and read the first time on Thursday, November 13, 2014; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to consider bill S. 2280, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:28 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

RELATIVE TO KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014, as modified,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2280) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:06 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.

AT 2:15 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

RELATIVE TO KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 2280.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO COMMITTEE MEETING DURING SESSION

Mrs. BOXER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on today to conduct a business meeting to vote on two members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority and one member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mr. VITTER objected.

RELATIVE TO KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

The Senate resumed consideration of bill S. 2280.

The question being on passage of the bill.

Pending debate,

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014, as modified, be modified such that the time until 5:45 p.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. BOXER, or their designees, on the pending bill; that, at 5:45 p.m., Mr. HOEVEN be recognized to speak for two minutes; that Ms. LANDRIEU then be recognized to speak for two minutes; that Mrs. BOXER then be recognized to speak for four minutes; that, upon conclusion of said debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage thereof; and that all other provisions of the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014 remain in effect.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014,

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. HOEVEN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014, as modified,

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 59, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 280 Leg.]

YEAS --- 59

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heitkamp, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Landrieu, Lee, Manchin, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Pryor, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 41

Baldwin, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Coons, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Harkin, Heinrich, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass (the bill not having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014).

DISTURBANCE IN THE GALLERY

A disturbance in the gallery occurred when multiple persons began yelling loudly, and were thereupon removed upon the direction of the PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL

S. 2685

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 13, 2014,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, made by Mr. REID, on

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to consider bill (S. 2685) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

Pending debate,

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 12, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---

yeas... 58, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 282 Leg.]

YEAS --- 58

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Nelson, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was not agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Tuesday, November 18, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1086. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7600. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Generic Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards; and Manufacture of Amino/Phenolic Resins" ((RIN2060-AR49)-(FRL No. 9916-90-OAR)), received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7601. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters; Withdrawal" ((RIN2040-AF50)(FRL No. 9916-62-OW)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7602. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Manufacturing (Import) Exemption for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)" ((RIN2050-AG79)(FRL No. 9917-21-OSWER)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7603. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida: Removal of Sulfur Storage and Handling Rules" (FRL No. 9917-64-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7604. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Allegheny County's Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing; Flexible Package Printing; and Industrial Solvent Cleaning Operations for Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions" (FRL No. 9917-16-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7605. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9917-67-Region 3),

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7606. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Approval of Revision to PSD Program" (FRL No. 9916-27-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7607. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Affecting Visibility State Implementation Plan Revisions; Withdrawal of Federal Implementation Plan for the San Juan Generating Station" (FRL No. 9917-43-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7608. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Regional Haze and Interstate Transport Affecting Visibility State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 9917-63-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7609. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for Maryland" (FRL No. 9917-72-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7610. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Florida: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9917-53-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7611. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Delegation of Authority to the States of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming to Implement and Enforce New Source Performance Standards." (FRL No. 9917-49-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7612. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria for the Certification and Recertification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Compliance with the Disposal Regulations; Panel Closure Redesign" (FRL No. 9917-57-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7613. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, and Confidentiality Determinations Under the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program" ((RIN2060-AQ81)(FRL No. 9916-76-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7614. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9916-95-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7615. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Dakota; Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Rules" (FRL No. 9918-21-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7616. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9918-11-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7617. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9918-19-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7618. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations; Ambient Standards for Nitrogen Oxides and for Ozone; Correction of Docket Number" (FRL No. 9918-03-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7619. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" ((RIN2070-AB27)(FRL No. 9914-56)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7620. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Adjustments to the Allowance System for Controlling HCFC Production, Import and Export, 2015-2019" ((RIN2060-AR04)(FRL No. 9917-98-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7621. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Imperial County; Ozone Precursor Emissions Inventories" (FRL No. 9917-77-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7622. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approval and Promulgation: Missouri; 2013 State Implementation Plan for the 2008 Lead Standard" (FRL No. 9918-18-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7623. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Control of Emissions from Hand-Fired Equipment" (FRL No. 9918-10-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7624. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Nebraska; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9918-13-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7625. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Restriction of Emissions of Particulate Matter from Industrial Processes" (FRL No. 9918-17-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7626. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions

to the Air Quality Standards and Regulations" (FRL No. 9918-20-Region 8), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7627. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 9918-15-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7628. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safeguards Information - Modified Handling Categorization Change for Materials Facilities" ((RIN3150-AJ18)-(NRC-2012-0140)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7629. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel (OSS-2014-1590); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7630. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-098); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7631. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-097); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7632. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-074); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-077); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7634. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7635. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-085); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7636. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-099); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7637. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-116); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7638. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-118); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7639. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-079); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7640. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-081); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7641. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-117); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7642. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 13-3525); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7643. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-115); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7644. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-082); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7645. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report prepared by the Department of State on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period June 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7646. A communication from the Executive Director, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7647. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7648. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0134 - 2014-0146); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7649. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0129 - 2014-0133); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7650. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2013"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7651. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at General Atomics in La Jolla, California, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7652. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AD17), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

October 31, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7653. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Violence Against Women Act" (RIN1840-AD16), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7654. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity: Gainful Employment" (RIN1840-AD15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7655. A communication from the Chairman of the National Health Care Workforce Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7656. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2013 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7657. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan; California; Interstate Transport Requirements for 2006 24-hour Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9918-38-Region 9), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7658. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7659. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7660. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7661. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; (GSAR); Qualifications of Offerors" (RIN3090-AJ46), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7662. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Progressive Awards and Monthly Quantity Allocations" (RIN3090-AJ47), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7663. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7664. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status Report on Implementation of District of Columbia Auditor Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7665. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of Continuing Disability Reviews for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7666. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fifth Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration: Findings Over 10 Years"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7667. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of the Qualified Payment Card Agent Program" ((RIN1545-BG53)(TD9699)), received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7668. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lifetime Income Provided Through Target Date Funds in Section 401(k) Plans and Other Qualified Defined Contribution Plans" (Notice 2014-66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7669. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report of Payment Recapture Audits; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7670. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Physician-owned Hospitals; Data Sources for Expansion Exception; Physician Certification of Inpatient Hospital Services; Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors: CMS-Identified Overpayments Associated with Submitted Payment Data" ((RIN0938-AS15)(CMS-1613-FC)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7671. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Quality Incentive Program, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies" ((RIN0938-AS13)(CMS-1614-F)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7672. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, Access to Identifiable Data for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Models & Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2015" ((RIN0938-AS12)(CMS-1612-FC)), received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7673. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2015 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; and Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Home Health Agencies" ((RIN0938-AS14)(CMS-1611-F)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7674. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2015 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Service Coinsurance Amounts" ((RIN0938-AR94)(CMS-8056-N)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7675. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2015 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" ((RIN0938-AR96)(CMS-8057-N)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7676. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2015" ((RIN0938-AS34)(CMS-8058-N)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7677. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Excepted Benefits" ((RIN1545-BL90)-(TD9697)), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7678. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2014-60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7679. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought in Specified Counties" (Notice 2014-60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7680. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Local Lodging Expenses" ((RIN1545-BH60)(TD9696)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 7, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7681. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7682. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election Procedures and Information Reporting With Respect to Interests in Certain Canadian Retirement Plans" (Rev. Proc. 2014-55), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7683. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - November 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7684. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Submission of Forms, the Finished Products Records for Distilled Spirits Plants, and Closures on Certain Distilled Spirits Products; Correction" (RIN1513-AB97), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7685. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Brewers Bond Reduction and Requirement To File Tax Returns, Remit Tax Payments and Submit Reports Quarterly" (RIN1513-AB94), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7686. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Renaming of Express Mail to Priority Mail Express" (RIN0651-AC98), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7687. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report to Congress for the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7688. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Debt Collection Recovery Activities of the Department of Justice for Civil Debts Referred for Collection Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7689. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, and the President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center's financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditors' report for years ended September 29, 2013, and September 30, 2012, and a report relative to the Center's schedule of expenditures of federal awards and independent auditor's reports for the year ended September 29, 2013; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7690. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Wait-Time Goals of the Department for the Veterans Choice Program

Authorized by Section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7691. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2015" (RIN2900-AP15), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7692. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7693. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD519), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7694. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0291)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7695. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0164)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7696. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0792)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7697. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2013-0672)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7698. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0424)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7699. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0343)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7700. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0144)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7701. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Zodiac Seats France (formerly Sicma Aero Seat) Passenger Seat Assemblies" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0730)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7702. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

(56); Amdt. No. 3605" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7703. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (9134); Amdt. No. 3606" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7704. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification, Revocation, and Establishment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; North Central and Northeast United States" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0295)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7705. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class B Airspace; Washington Tri-Area, DC" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0713)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7706. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Wichita, McConnell AFB, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0294)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7707. A communication from the Management and Program Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airports/Locations: Special Operating Restrictions" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0458)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7708. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Helicopter Air Ambulance, Commercial Helicopter, and Part 91 Helicopter Operations; Clarification" ((RIN2120-AJ53)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0982)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7709. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Portland Dragon Boat Races, Willamette River, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0492)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7710. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage; Ashley River Anchorage, Ashley River, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA01)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0819)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7711. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Mavericks Invitational Surf Competition, Half Moon Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0715)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7712. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Bridge 1 Structural Repairs at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0215)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7713. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Allegheny River; Mile 45.7; Kittanning, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0747)),

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7714. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Moving Security Zone Around Crane Barge, New York Harbor Upper Bay and Hudson River, NY and NJ." ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0886)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7715. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile 170 to Mile 172; Darrow, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0780)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7716. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ordinance Removal; Saipan Harbor, CNMI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0849)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7717. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Semisubmersible Loading Operation Safety Zone, South San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0922)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7718. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Slip 4 Early Action Area Superfund Site, Lower Duwamish Waterway, Seattle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2013-0293)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7719. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Cruise Ship HAMBURG, Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, WI and Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA87)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0916)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7720. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Pier 39 36th Anniversary Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0832)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7721. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7722. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetic Acid Ethenyl Ester, Polymer with Ethane, Ethenyltriethoxysilane and Sodium Ethenesulfonate (1:1); Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9918-50), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7723. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic Acid, 2-Methyl-, Phenylmethyl Ester, Polymer with 2-Propenoic Acid, Peroxydisulfuric Acid ([HO]S[O]2) Sodium Salt (1:2)-Initiated, Compounds with Diethanolamine; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9918-28), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7724. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FD and C Red No. 40; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9917-14), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7725. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deltamethrin: Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9918-24), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7726. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brucellosis Class Free States and Certified Brucellosis-Free Herds; Revisions to Testing and Certification Requirements" ((RIN0579-AD22)(Docket No. APHIS-2009-0083)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7727. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7728. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Morocco; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7729. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report entitled "Report to the Congress: Venezuela: Restrictions on Certain Military End Uses and End Users"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7730. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards" (RIN3052-AC93), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7731. A communication from the Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (CARD ACT, HOEPA and ATR/QM)" (12 CFR Part 1026), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7732. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 2013 Mortgage Rules Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" ((RIN3170-AA43)(Docket No. CFPB-2014-0009)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7733. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Regulation Z's Ability-To-Repay Rule to Certain Situations Involving Successors-in-Interest" ((RIN3170-ZA00)-(Docket No. CFPB-2014-0016)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7734. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures and General Definitions" (RIN2590-AA66), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7735. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Financial and Other Reports" (RIN3313-AE25), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7736. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to storage of petroleum products owned by the United States in facilities other than those of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7737. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Approval of Revisions to Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Regulations Within the North Carolina State Implementation Plan; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 9918-94-Region 4), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7738. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Reasonable Further Progress Plan, Enhanced Monitoring, Clean Fuel Fleets and Failure-to-Attain Contingency Measures for the Dallas/Fort Worth 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; and Transportation Conformity" (FRL No. 9919-02-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7739. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska: Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter and 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9918-97-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7740. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Allegheny County; Control of Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers" (FRL No. 9918-73-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7741. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 9918-84-Region 10), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7742. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Withdrawal of Federal Implementation Plan; Texas; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9912-50-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7743. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Revisions" (FRL No. 9912-51-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7744. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Exemption of Certain Chemical Substances from Reporting Additional Chemical Data" ((RIN2070-AK01)(FRL No. 9918-23)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7745. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; Technical Amendment to Update Data Management System Nomenclature" (FRL No. 9918-52-OSWER), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7746. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits" (FRL No. 9914-32-OECA), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7747. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri, Controlling Emissions During Episodes of High Air Pollution Potential" (FRL No. 9918-75-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7748. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management

Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Volatile Organic Compound Regulations" (FRL No. 9918-00-Region 1), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7749. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases" ((RIN3150-AI72)(NRC-2009-0359 and NRC-2013-0133)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7750. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Imaging Demonstration Evaluation Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7751. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Medicare Frontier Extended Stay Clinic Demonstration Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7752. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report relative to the inclusion of Uruguay in the ongoing negotiations of the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7753. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report relative to the inclusion of Israel in the ongoing negotiations of the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7754. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highway Use Tax; Sold Vehicles and Electronic Filing; Taxable Period Beginning July 1, 2011" ((RIN1545-BG63 and RIN1545-BK35)(TD9698)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7755. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak Occurring in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone Designated as a Qualified

Disaster under Section 139 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2014-65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7756. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment" (Notice 2014-64), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7757. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Marginal Production Rates" (Notice 2014-63), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7758. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to the Internal Revenue Code Tax Tables and Other Items" (Rev. Proc. 2014-61), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7759. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unpaid Losses Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2014" (Rev. Proc. 2014-59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7760. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Group Health Plans that Fail to Cover In-Patient Hospitalization Services" (Notice 2014-69), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7761. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Computation of Annual Liability Insurance (Including Self-Insurance) Settlement Recovery Threshold"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7762. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Improving the Identification of Health Care

Disparities in Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7763. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9918-78-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7764. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Welfare Outcomes 2009-2012: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7765. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed permanent transfer of major defense equipment to a Middle Eastern country (OSS-2014-1801); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7766. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-1812); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7767. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2013"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7768. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-101); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7769. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-090); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7770. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-100); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7771. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-092); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7772. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts" covering the period February 7, 2014 to August 6, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7773. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7774. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Policy on Exports to Vietnam" (RIN1400-AD73), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7775. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Category XV; Correction" (RIN1400-AD33), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7776. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" ((RIN1840-AD17)(Docket ID ED-2014-OPE-0082)), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7777. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pre-market Approval of Pediatric Uses of Devices - FY 2012"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7778. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2011 Report to Congress on

Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities - Community Economic Development and Rural Community Development Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7779. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Delays in Approvals of Applications Related to Citizen Petitions and Petitions for Stay of Agency Action for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7780. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Tobacco Product Exports That Do Not Conform to Tobacco Product Standards"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7781. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Integrity: Gainful Employment" ((RIN1840-AD15)(Docket ID ED-2014-OPE-0039)), received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-350. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

Whereas the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded; and

Whereas the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of their people,

particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under art. V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska State Legislature respectfully applies to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it further,

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. SCOTT:

S. 2936. A bill to provide that in the case of leases to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools, consideration may be at or below fair market value or for no consideration; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2937. A bill to require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2938. A bill to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA-20139 and CA-22901, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2939. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and to provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. Res. 581. A resolution honoring the life and service of the late Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 582. A resolution expressing support for designation of the third Tuesday of November as "National Entrepreneurs Day"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 907

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1187

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1389

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System.

S. 1702

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1702, a bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2069

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2069, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

S. 2187

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2187, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the

rural community hospital demonstration program.

S. 2192

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2192, a bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act.

S. 2250

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2572

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2572, a bill to ban the use of bisphenol A in food containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2634

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2634, a bill to provide tax relief for major disaster areas declared in 2012, 2013, and 2014, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2689

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2710

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2710, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are

independently supervised, and for other purposes.

S. 2738

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2738, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

S. 2746

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] were added as cosponsors of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 2775

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2775, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt aircraft management services from the ticket tax.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2795

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2795, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of eligible program.

S. 2796

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2796, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances.

S. 2839

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2839, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 2904

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was

added as a cosponsor of S. 2904, a bill to prevent the militarization of Federal, State, and local law enforcement by Federal excess property transfers and grant programs.

S. 2920

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2920, a bill to deny Social Security benefits and other benefits to individuals who participated in Nazi persecution.

S. 2931

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2931, a bill to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules and consideration of the least burdensome regulatory alternative, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 580

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] and the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 580, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARDIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Relief after a Disaster: How Individuals, Small Businesses, and Communities Recover."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 885. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office".

S. 1093. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 1499. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the "Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office".

S. 1512. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5069. An act to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5142. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Jackson Street in Rich Square, North Carolina, as the "Chief Joseph E. White, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 5331. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the "Colonel M.J. 'Mac' Dube, USMC Post Office Building".

H.R. 5386. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office".

H.R. 5441. An act to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 5468. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the "Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office".

H.R. 5544. An act to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation.

At 11:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr.

Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following bill:

S. 1086. An act to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 4:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3608. An act to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

H.R. 4049. An act to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5040. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5162. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center" to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5040. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5142. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Jackson Street in Rich Square, North Carolina, as the "Chief Joseph E. White, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5162. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center" to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5331. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the "Colonel M.J. 'Mac' Dube, USMC Post Office Building"; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5386. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5468. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the "Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5544. An act to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF
CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND
HOUSEWARES DURING THE
HOLIDAY SEASON FOR
CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN
SENATE BUILDINGS**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 577) permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two

leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the minority control the time from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., and the majority control the time from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 8:18 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 3 p.m. on today, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motions, by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut; that, if any of said motions are agreed to, time for

debate thereon, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded at 2 p.m. on tomorrow; that, at 2 p.m. on tomorrow, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the vote on the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden on today, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Jon M. Holladay, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, Maureen Elizabeth Cormack, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, and Robert T. Yamate, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Union of the Comoros; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in

the aforementioned order; that if the yeas and nays are ordered on a nomination, each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, November 19, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 885. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office".

S. 1093. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 1499. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the "Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office".

S. 1512. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office".

S. 2141. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2539. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research.

S. 2583. A bill to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7782. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7783. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Internal Affairs Investigations for the period of January 2014 through June 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7784. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-441, "Business Improvement Districts Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7785. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-424, "Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Support Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7786. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-437, "Voter Registration Access and Modernization Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7787. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-442, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7788. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-443, "Medical Marijuana Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7789. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-440, "Special Election Reform Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7790. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-439, "Critical

Infrastructure Freedom of Information Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7791. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-438, "Workers' Compensation Statute of Limitations Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7792. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-425, "Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Waiver Certification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7793. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-423, "Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7794. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Council Resolution 20-624, "Transfer of Jurisdiction of a Portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104) Approval Resolution 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7795. A communication from the Director, Policy and Planning Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Modification of Eligibility to Certain Employees on Temporary Appointments and Certain Employees on Seasonal and Intermittent Schedules" (RIN3206-AM86), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7796. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7797. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections Based on Public Law 104-262" (RIN2900-AO93), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7798. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Regulation Policy, Tracking, and Control Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designee for Patient Personal Property" (RIN2900-AO41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7799. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Access to Non-VA Care through the Veterans Choice Program" (RIN2900 -AO24), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7800. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exempting Mental Health Peer Support Services from Copayments" (RIN2900-AP11), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7801. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7802. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7803. A communication from the Admiral, Naval Reactors, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports relative to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program's reports on environmental monitoring and radioactive waste disposal, radiation exposure, and occupational safety and health; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7804. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a consolidated budget justification display that includes all programs and activities of the Department of Defense combating terrorism program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7805. A communication from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7806. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7807. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excess Spoil, Coal Mine Waste, Diversions, and Buffer Zones for Perennial and Intermittent Streams" ((RIN1029-AC69)(Docket ID OSM-2012-0010)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7808. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Methane Hydrate Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7809. A communication from the Chief of Staff, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7810. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7811. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 1 (Scotch) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1A IR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7812. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Late Payment and Interest Charges on Past Due Assessments" (Docket No. AMS-FV-12-0023), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7813. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Basis in All Cash D Reorganizations" ((RIN1545-BJ21)(TD 9702)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7814. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Earnings and Profits in Tax-Free Transfers from One Corporation to Another; Acquiring Corporation for Purposes of Section 381" ((RIN1545-BK73 and RIN1545-BL80)(TD 9700)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7815. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Limitations Adjusted As Provided in Section 415(d), etc." (Notice 2014-70), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7816. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Member, IRS Oversight Board, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7817. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 on May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7818. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7819. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic that was declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7820. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifications and Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)" (RIN0694-AF87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7821. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Venezuela: Implementation of Certain Military End Uses and End Users License Requirements under the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG31), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7822. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7823. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7824. A communication from the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the October 2014 Quarterly Report to Congress of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7825. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits

Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Excepted Benefits" (RIN1210-AB60), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7826. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Excepted Benefits" ((RIN0938-AS16)(CMS-9946-F)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7827. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Targeted Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse: Fourth Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7828. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense Agency Financial Report (AFR) for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7829. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7830. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans' Employment Redress Laws in the Federal Civil Service"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7831. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Outcomes of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Employment Program"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7832. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-451, "Rent Control Hardship Petition Limitation Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7833. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-453, "Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7834. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-452, "Georgia Avenue Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Area Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7835. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-458, "Protecting Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7836. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Annual Privacy Activity Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7837. A communication from the Director, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees" (RIN3206-AM99), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7838. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense Agency Financial Report (AFR) for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7839. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7840. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Assistance; Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) Program - Deadline Extensions and Administrative Correction" ((RIN1660-AA78)(44 CFR Parts 204 and 206)(Docket No. FEMA-2013-0004)), received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7841. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to ten audit reports issued during fiscal year 2014 relative to the Agency and the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7842. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the Anacostia River Clean Up Protection Fund"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7843. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7844. A communication from the Director of the Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation Division, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors" (RIN1235-AA10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7845. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report on the Use of Special Immigrant Status for Citizens or Nationals of Afghanistan or Iraq: Combined Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7846. A communication from the Director of Congressional Activities (Intelligence), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a delay in submission of a report relative to data mining; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7847. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7848. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Continued Prosecution Application Practice" (RIN0651-

AC92), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7849. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Permit Delayed Submission of Certain Requirements for Prioritized Examination" (RIN0651-AC93), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7850. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Training, Qualification, and Oversight for Safety-Related Railroad Employees" (RIN2130-AC06), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7851. A communication from the General Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Safety Standard for Magnet Sets" (CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2012-0050), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7852. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures--Programmatic Agreements and Additional Categorical Exclusions" (RIN2125-AF59), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7853. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Relief Program" (RIN2132-AB13), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7854. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures--Programmatic Agreements and Additional Categorical Exclusions" (RIN2132-AB14),

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7855. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Eagle Peak Mendocino County Viticultural Area and Realignments of the Mendocino and Redwood Valley Viticultural Areas" (RIN1513-AB96), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7856. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Adelaida District, Creston District, El Pomar District, Paso Robles Estrella District, Paso Robles Geneseo District, Paso Robles Highlands District, Paso Robles Willow Creek District, San Juan Creek, San Miguel District, Santa Margarita Ranch, and Templeton Gap District Viticultural Areas" (RIN1513-AB68), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7857. A communication from the Chief of the Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters" ((WT Docket No. 10-4)-(FCC 14-138)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7858. A communication from the Chief of the Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reform of Rules and Policies on Foreign Carrier Entry Into the U.S. Telecommunications Market" (FCC 14-48), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7859. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment

of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7860. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7861. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT and T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services" ((WC Docket No. 05-25)(DA 14-1327)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7862. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acceleration of Broadband Deployment by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies; Acceleration of Broadband Deployment: Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting; 2012 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations" ((WT Docket No. 13-238; WT Docket No. 11-59; WT Docket No. 13-32)(FCC 14-153)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7863. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Pearsall, Texas)" ((MB Docket No. 13-23)(DA 13-1603)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7864. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of

Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Altamont, Oregon); Station KYSF(FM), (Bonanza, Oregon)" ((MB Docket No. 11-167)(DA 13-2003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7865. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Mount Vernon, Illinois)" ((MB Docket No. 14-139)-(DA 14-1579)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7866. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Rome, Georgia)" ((MB Docket No. 14-141)(DA 14-1577)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7867. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Kansas City, Missouri)" ((MB Docket No. 14-140)(DA 14-1578)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7868. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Centerville, Texas); Station KKEE, Centerville, Texas" ((MB Docket No. 14-56)-(DA 14-1360)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7869. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Toquerville, Utah); New FM Station, Peach Springs, Arizona" ((MB Docket No. 14-54)-(DA 14-1361)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7870. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Aviation Consumer Protection; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7871. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) 2015-2019"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7872. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery" (RIN0648-BE26), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7873. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD535), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7874. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; 2015 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surfclams and Ocean Quahogs; and Suspension of Minimum Atlantic Surfclam Limit" (RIN0648-XD515), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7875. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD542), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7876. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD511), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7877. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Temporary Rule that Established Separate Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-BD87), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7878. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 21" (RIN0648-BD91), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7879. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Tilefish Fishery; 2015-2017 Specifications" (RIN0648-BE37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7880. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD544), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7881. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD496), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7882. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD577), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7883. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Extension of the 2014 Gulf of Mexico Recreational Red Grouper Season" (RIN0648-XD479), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7884. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-X100714b), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7885. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2014-2015 Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf King Mackerel in the Florida West Coast Northern Subzone" (RIN0648-XD586), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7886. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2014 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Porgy Complex" (RIN0648-XD495), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7887. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Reallocation of Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Allowances in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD565), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7888. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2014-2015 Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf King Mackerel in Western Zone" (RIN0648-XD559), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7889. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2014 Bigeye Tuna Longline Fishery Closure in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-XD504), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7890. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Trawl Catcher Vessels in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD566), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7891. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Accountability Measures and Closure for Commercial Wrasses in the U.S. Caribbean Off Puerto Rico" (RIN0648-XD549), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7892. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch, Northern Rockfish, and Dusky Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD545), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7893. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amendment No. 516" (RIN2120-AA63), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7894. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (113); Amdt. No. 3608" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7895. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (42); Amdt. No. 3607" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7896. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (81); Amdt. No. 3609" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7897. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (48); Amdt. No. 3610" (RIN2120-AA65), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7898. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; 'Other Rockfish' in the Aleutian Island Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD537), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 2917. A bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2940. A bill to provide for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emission fees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2941. A bill to combat human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2942. A bill to establish a Hospital Fund for the treatment of individuals with Ebola or other specified infectious diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2943. A bill to amend Public Law 110-299 to extend the time period during which permits are not required for certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2944. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2945. A bill to repeal section 910 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. FLAKE):

S. 2946. A bill to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 583. A resolution designating November 30, 2014, as "Drive Safer Sunday"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 584. A resolution commending Jerald D. Linnell on his service to the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 526

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. CORKER], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER], the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Montana [Mr. TESTER] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint

coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 2115

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2115, a bill to provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to restore long-standing United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

S. 2689

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2746

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. VITTER] and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2762, a bill to

prevent future propane shortages, and for other purposes.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, supra.

S. 2917

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2917, a bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

S. 2930

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2930, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 570

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 570, a resolution designating October 17, 2014, as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day".

SENATE RESOLUTION 578

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 578, a resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 580

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 580, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by

promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2014, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Preparedness and Response to Public Health Threats: How Prepared Are We?"

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting our Children's Mental Health: Preventing and Addressing Childhood Trauma in Indian Country."

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 19, 2014, in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Private Industry's Role in Stemming the Tide of Phone Scams."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 885. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office".

S. 1093. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 1499. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the "Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office".

S. 1512. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office".

S. 2141. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes.

S. 2539. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research.

S. 2583. An act to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 1:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1422. An act to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1422. An act to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Robert T. Yamate, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Deputy Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations, and Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations; and that all other provisions of the order of today remain in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 3 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of today, as modified, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving five rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden, on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of James D. Pettit, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova; Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan; Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court; L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court; Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court; Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be a Deputy Under

Secretary of the Treasury; Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan; Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica; Donald Lu, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania; and Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that if the yeas and nays are ordered on a nomination, each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order to the nomination; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

COMMENDING JERALD D. LINNELL

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 584) commending Jerald D. Linnell on his service to the United States Senate, submitted today by Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30

a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

AUTHORITY FOR ADJOURNMENT ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn, following remarks by Mr. GRASSLEY for 30 minutes.

After debate,

ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of today,
At 7:11 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) declared the Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 20, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The morning hour being deemed expired,
and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,
The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.
Pending debate,

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7899. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment for Commercial Space Adjudications; Second Amendment" ((RIN2120-AK55)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0822)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7900. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Alma, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0745)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7901. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cando, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0746)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7902. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Encinal, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0741)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7903. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Thomas, OK" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0263)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7904. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Restricted Areas R-4105A and R-4105B; No Man's Land Island, MA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0760)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7905. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Controlling Agency for Restricted Areas; California" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0722)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7906. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airplane and Engine Certification Requirements in Supercooled Large Drop, Mixed Phase, and Ice Crystal Icing Conditions" ((RIN2120-AJ34)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0636; Amdt. Nos. 25-140 and 33-34)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7907. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Orders of Compliance, Cease and Desist Orders, Orders of Denial, and Other Orders" ((RIN2120-AK43)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0505; Amdt. No. 13-36A)), received during adjournment

of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7908. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Departing IFR/VFR When Weather Reporting Is Not Available; Confirmation of Effective Date" ((RIN2120-AK49)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0502; Amdt. No. 135-131)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7909. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fiberglas-Technik Rudolf Lindner GmbH and Co. KG Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0292)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7910. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0287)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7911. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0581)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7912. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0140)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7913. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Beechcraft Corporation (Type Certificate Previously Held by Hawker Beechcraft Corporation; Raytheon Aircraft Company; Beech Aircraft Corporation) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0345)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7914. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0705)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7915. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0532)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7916. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. Air Data Pressure Transducers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0285)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7917. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Previously Eurocopter France) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0832)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7918. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes"

((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0451)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7919. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28413)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7920. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0548)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7921. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0431)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7922. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0290)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7923. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0283)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7924. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters, Inc. (Previously Eurocopter France) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0757)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7925. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alexandria Aircraft LLC Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0438)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7926. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Brantly International, Inc. Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2012-1093)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7927. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0740)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7928. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0516)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7929. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0494)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7930. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0654)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7931. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0650)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7932. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2014-0058)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7933. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harmonization of Airworthiness Standards--Miscellaneous Structures Requirements" ((RIN2120-AK13)-(Docket No. FAA-2013-0109)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-351. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently and equitably sharing with all oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas a portion of revenue generated from outer continental shelf oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf to ensure that those states develop necessary infrastructure to support outer continental shelf development and preserve environmental integrity; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

Whereas oil and gas development in federal areas, both onshore and offshore, requires additional investment in state infrastructure and increases demand on state and local government resources; and

Whereas, under the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, the federal government recognizes the effects of oil and gas development in federal onshore areas by sharing with the states 50 percent of revenue from mineral production on federal land within each state's boundaries; and

Whereas, under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, the federal government recognizes the effect oil and gas development in federal near-shore areas has on states by sharing with those states 27 percent of revenue collected from federal oil and gas leases within three miles of the states' coastlines; and

Whereas, under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, the federal government recognizes the effect that oil and gas development in federal offshore areas has on the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and recognizes the contributions to national energy, security, and economic interests made by sharing with those states 37.5 percent of revenue from federal oil and gas leases in outer continental shelf areas adjacent to each state; and

Whereas the federal government fails to recognize the same effects on and contributions made by other oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas, including this state and California; and

Whereas the Alaska outer continental shelf region encompasses the Beaufort, Chukchi, and Bering seas, Cook Inlet, and the Gulf of Alaska, includes over 1,000,000,000 acres, and contains more than 6,000 miles of coastline, which is more coastline than the rest of the United States combined; and

Whereas there are presently 607 active oil and gas leases and more than 3,300,000 acres of leased land in the Alaska outer shelf continental region; and

Whereas federal government grants do not adequately address the need for additional investment in state infrastructure or the increased demands on state and local government resources resulting from outer continental shelf development, especially in this state, which has more coastline, more rural communities, and less infrastructure than any other state; and

Whereas outer continental shelf revenue sharing would allow states to build infrastructure such as marine ports, airports, utilities, and housing, and increase state services, such as oil spill and emergency response and environmental monitoring and mitigation, which would likely lead to expanded, safer exploration and development

activity and increase overall revenue to the federal government; and

Whereas additional state infrastructure and increased availability of state and local government resources would likely increase interest in and bids during future federal outer continental shelf oil and gas lease sales, which have generated over \$2,750,000,000 in revenue for the federal government in the Alaska outer continental shelf region alone since 2005; and

Whereas outer continental shelf revenue sharing could provide a stable funding source for and help fulfill the mission of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a national fund created to safeguard natural areas, water resources, and cultural heritage and to provide recreation opportunities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently and equitably sharing with all oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas a portion of revenue generated from outer continental shelf oil and gas production to ensure the states develop necessary infrastructure to support outer continental shelf development and preserve environmental integrity.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Eric Cantor, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mary Landrieu, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 113th United States Congress.

POM-352. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska urging the United States Congress to enact legislation that would require approval by Acts of the Alaska State Legislature and the United States Congress before establishing an international designation of land or water in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

Whereas Alaska and the Russian Far East are close neighbors across the Bering Sea, and archaeologists believe that the area was a migration route used by many peoples moving from Asia and populating North and South America; and

Whereas some of the indigenous peoples of Western Alaska and the Russian Far East speak the same language and share the same customs and traditions but have, until recent times, been separated by political differences between their respective countries; and

Whereas, in recent years, various events and exchanges have been organized to reconnect the residents of Western Alaska and those of the Russian Far East; and

Whereas the areas of Western Alaska and the Russian Far East have been referred to as Beringia; and

Whereas, in 2010, the United States and Russia began negotiations to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of establishing an international protected area in the Bering Strait region that would include the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, the Cape Krusenstern National Monument, and, in the Chukotka region of Russia, the yet-to-be-created Beringia International Park; and

Whereas the National Park Service identifies and defines Beringia as the area bounded on the east by the Mackenzie River in Canada, on the west by the Lena River in Russia, on the north by 72 degrees North latitude, and on the south by the southern tip of Kamchatka, leaving only the south-central and southeastern limits to be determined; and

Whereas the federal government historically has attempted to expand the scope of its influence beyond Alaska park boundaries, including the attempt to establish game buffer zones around Denali National Park and Preserve; and

Whereas, during the past two decades, the National Park Service has repeatedly expanded the size of the area identified as Beringia; and

Whereas the National Park Service manages the Shared Beringian Heritage Program and seeks to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between the United States and Russia and between the indigenous peoples of Western Alaska and the Russian Far East by promoting cultural exchange, supporting subsistence opportunities, and working toward an international designation for the land and water in the area identified as Beringia; and

Whereas, for many years, the National Park Service has pursued a program to establish a Beringia International Park that potentially could evolve into a world heritage site or a marine biosphere reserve and would include land and water in Alaska and the Russian Far East; and

Whereas officials of the United States Department of State and the National Park Service have traveled throughout Russia and spoken before the Russian Duma in Moscow; and

Whereas the international designations contemplated by the National Park Service for the areas included in Beringia are an invitation and another means for United States and foreign environmental nongovernmental organizations to oppose resource development on public and Alaska Native land and water in the state; and

Whereas many Alaskans are concerned that the proposed Beringia International Park would impede future rights of access for the Red Dog Mine, the primary economic engine in Northwest Alaska; and

Whereas Alaska Native corporations and the state specifically selected much of their land because of the mineral potential and the opportunity to create jobs and other economic opportunities for the people of the state; and

Whereas, in September 2012, Governor Sean Parnell sent a letter to then United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton asking for time to conduct a meaningful review of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding Beringia and to provide input on the possible effects of the Memorandum of Understanding on the region and the state; and

Whereas, on January 17, 2013, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev signed a decree creating Beringia National Park as a Russian National Park in the Chukotka Region; and

Whereas, in October 2013, members of the Alaska State Legislature learned that the United States Department of State, the National Park Service, and the Russian Federation were in the final stages of formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a transboundary protected area in the Bering Strait region; and

Whereas the current effort to formalize a transboundary protected area would be the first step in imposing international designations and could reduce the sovereignty of the state and the United States over the burdened parts of the state, in violation of the Alaska Statehood Compact, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; and

Whereas the Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the management, protection, maintenance, enhancement, rehabilitation, and extension of fish and wildlife resources in the state, including management responsibilities on National Park Service land; and

Whereas, in the 1982 Master Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Fish and Game and the National Park Service, the parties agreed to "consider carefully the impact on the State of Alaska of

proposed treaties or international agreements relating to fish and wildlife resources which could diminish the jurisdictional authority of the State, and to consult freely with the State when such treaties or agreements have a significant impact on the State"; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature asserts that any international Memorandum of Understanding or other action to designate land or water in the state as an international park, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, Ramsar site, or classification of land or water that affects the proper use of the land or water by the state or an Alaska Native corporation should require approval by Acts of the Alaska State Legislature and the United States Congress before taking effect; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United States Department of State and the United States Department of the Interior cease all further action to establish an international designation of land or water in the state until the United States Congress and the Alaska State Legislature approve; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Congress enact a law that requires Congressional approval of any international designation that affects the use of land or water by the state or the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that, if the United States Department of State or the United States Department of the Interior nevertheless pursues or proposes the designation of land or water as an international park, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, Ramsar site, or classification of land or water that affects the proper use of the land or water by the state or an Alaska Native corporation, the governor be actively involved in the process and development of any joint action plan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that the state, including the departments responsible for the management of fish and wildlife and other natural resources, be an integral if not primary part of any discussion, agreement, understanding, or other process or document that affects the use or development of fish and wildlife and other natural resources in the state; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor and the attorney general to reserve all legal remedies, including the recovery of damages, for a taking of the natural resources of the state in violation of the Alaska Statehood Compact, should a designation of land and water in the state as an international park, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, Ramsar site, or other

classification hamper the use or development of the natural resources of the state.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John F. Kerry, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Jonathan B. Jarvis, director of the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mary Landrieu, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Michael C. Geraghty, Alaska Attorney General; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 113th United States Congress.

POM-353. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska urging the United States Congress to act on the request of the governor to acquire for the State additional land in the Tongass National Forest from the United States Government by purchase or negotiation or by seeking amendment to the Alaska Statehood Act ; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

Whereas the Tongass National Forest was created in 1907 by a proclamation of President Theodore Roosevelt; and

Whereas, under the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339), the federal government provided Alaska with a 103,350,000-acre land entitlement, which was considered to be sufficient for the newly formed state to become economically self-supporting; and

Whereas the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) gave the state 25 years to select land for entitlement; and

Whereas the 25-year period established in the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) as the period in which the state may select land for entitlement was later extended, in effect, by various legislation, with the result that approximately 5,500,000 acres of the land entitlement granted to the state by the Act have not yet been conveyed; and

Whereas, from the 1950s through the early 1990s, the commercial harvest of timber formed a major part of the economy of Southeast Alaska; and

Whereas the commercial harvest of timber no longer forms a major part of the economy of Southeast Alaska because the timber industry does not have access to an adequate amount of timber that can be economically harvested from the Tongass National Forest; and

Whereas, in the past four years, several efforts to revitalize the timber industry in Southeast Alaska have failed because a timber industry cannot exist without an adequate timber supply; and

Whereas the United States Congress has placed 40 percent of the Tongass National Forest off limits for commercial use, and the United States Forest Service has administratively set aside an additional 58 percent of the Tongass National Forest; and

Whereas, at the present time, only two percent of the Tongass National Forest is managed for the purpose of providing local communities with the opportunity to harvest timber; and

Whereas 91 percent of the old growth timber standing in the Tongass National Forest in 1954 remains standing, and the remaining nine percent that has been harvested has now been replaced with young growth timber that will begin maturing in about 30 years; and

Whereas findings prepared by the Alaska Timber Jobs Task Force in June 2012 reveal that the timber industry is vitally important to statewide and regional economies in the state; and

Whereas the principal barrier to job creation in the Southeast Alaska timber industry is the lack of a sufficient amount of timber that can be economically harvested from the Tongass National Forest; and

Whereas an unrealistic Tongass Land Management Plan dictated by Washington, D.C., endless environmental legal appeals, and a lack of political will by public officials who are in a position to support meeting timber harvest targets have prevented the United States Forest Service from providing the timber industry access to enough economically harvestable timber in the Tongass National Forest to make the timber industry commercially viable in Southeast Alaska; and

Whereas because the United States Forest Service has not been able to provide the timber industry with access to enough economically harvestable timber in the Tongass National Forest to sustain the timber industry in Southeast Alaska, it is time for the United States Congress to act on the governor's request to acquire additional land in the Tongass National Forest that will provide enough economically harvestable

timber to create a sustainable economic base for the communities of Southeast Alaska; and

Whereas sec. 6 of the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) limited the state's selection of land from the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest to 400,000 acres with the intention of preserving timber for federal long-term sales; and

Whereas sec. 6 of the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) allowed the state to select land in other regions of the state without restricting the use of the land to recreation and community expansion, and, because the timber industry in Southeast Alaska has become unsustainable, the state should be entitled to acquire some of its remaining land entitlement under the Alaska Statehood Act from the Tongass National Forest: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the United States Congress to act on the governor's request to negotiate state land entitlements under sec. 6 of the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) or work to amend the Alaska Statehood Act for the purpose of acquiring forested land in the Tongass National Forest; and be it further

Resolved, That, if the United States Congress fails to convey forested land in the Tongass National Forest either by negotiating state land entitlements under the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339) or by amending the Alaska Statehood Act, the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor to negotiate the purchase of forested land in the Tongass National Forest from the federal government.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Tom Vilsack, United States Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

Whereas Alaska and the Russian Far East are close neighbors across the Bering Sea,

and archaeologists believe that the area was a migration route used by many peoples moving from Asia and populating North and South America; and

Whereas some of the indigenous peoples of Western Alaska and the Russian Far East speak the same language and share the same customs and traditions but have, until recent times, been separated by political differences between their respective countries; and

Whereas in recent years, various events and exchanges have been organized to reconnect the residents of Western Alaska and those of the Russian Far East; and

Whereas the areas of Western Alaska and the Russian Far East have been referred to as Beringia; and

Whereas, in 2010, the United States and Russia began negotiations to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of establishing an international protected area in the Bering Strait region that would include the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, the Cape Krusenstern National Monument, and, in the Chukotka region of Russia, the yet-to-be created Beringia International Park; and

Whereas the National Park Service identifies and defines Beringia as the area bounded on the east by the Mackenzie River in Canada, on the west by the Lena River in Russia, on the north by 72 degrees North latitude, and on the south by the southern tip of Kamchatka, leaving only the south-central and southeastern limits to be determined; and

Whereas the federal government historically has attempted to expand the scope of its influence beyond Alaska park boundaries, including the attempt to establish game buffer zones around Denali National Park and Preserve; and

Whereas, during the past two decades, the National Park Service has repeatedly expanded the size of the area identified as Beringia; and

Whereas the National Park Service manages the Shared Beringian Heritage Program and seeks to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between the United States and Russia and between the indigenous peoples of Western Alaska and the Russian Far East by promoting cultural exchange, supporting subsistence opportunities, and working toward an international designation for the land and water in the area identified as Beringia; and

Whereas, for many years, the National Park Service has pursued a program to establish a Beringia International Park that potentially could evolve into a world heritage site or a marine biosphere reserve and would include land and water in Alaska and the Russian Far East; and

Whereas officials of the United States Department of State and the National Park Service have traveled throughout Russia and

spoken before the Russian Duma in Moscow; and

Whereas the international designations contemplated by the National Park Service for the areas included in Beringia are an invitation and another means for United States and foreign environmental nongovernmental organizations to oppose resource development on public and Alaska Native land and water in the state; and

Whereas many Alaskans are concerned that the proposed Beringia International Park would impede future rights of access for the Red Dog Mine, the primary economic engine in Northwest Alaska; and

Whereas Alaska Native corporations and the state specifically selected much of their land because of the mineral potential and the opportunity to create jobs and other economic opportunities for the people of the state; and

Whereas, in September 2012, Governor Sean Parnell sent a letter to then United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton asking for time to conduct a meaningful review of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding Beringia and to provide input on the possible effects of the Memorandum of Understanding on the region and the state; and

Whereas, on January 17, 2013, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev signed a decree creating Beringia National Park as a Russian National Park in the Chukotka Region; and

Whereas, in October 2013, members of the Alaska State Legislature learned that the United States Department of State, the National Park Service, and the Russian Federation were in the final stages of formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a transboundary protected area in the Bering Strait region; and

Whereas the current effort to formalize a transboundary protected area would be the first step in imposing international designations and could reduce the sovereignty of the state and the United States over the burdened parts of the state, in violation of the Alaska Statehood Compact, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; and

Whereas the Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the management, protection, maintenance, enhancement, rehabilitation, and extension of fish and wildlife resources in the state, including management responsibilities on National Park Service land; and

Whereas, in the 1982 Master Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Fish and Game and the National Park Service, the parties agreed to "consider carefully the impact on the State of Alaska of proposed treaties or international agreements relating to fish and wildlife resources which could diminish the jurisdictional authority of

the State, and to consult freely with the State when such treaties or agreements have a significant impact on the State”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature asserts that any international Memorandum of Understanding or other action to designate land or water in the state as an international park, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, Ramsar site, or classification of land or water that affects the proper use of the land or water by the state or an Alaska Native corporation should require approval by Acts of the Alaska State Legislature and the United States Congress before taking effect; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United States Department of State and the United States Department of the Interior cease all further action to establish an international designation of land or water in the state until the United States Congress and the Alaska State Legislature approve; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Congress enact a law that requires Congressional approval of any international designation that affects the use of land or water by the state or the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that, if the United States Department of State or the United States Department of the Interior nevertheless pursues or proposes the designation of land or water as an international park, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, Ramsar site, or classification of land or water that affects the proper use of the land or water by the state or an Alaska Native corporation, the governor be actively involved in the process and development of any joint action plan; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that the state, including the departments responsible for the management of fish and wildlife and other natural resources, be an integral if not primary part of any discussion, agreement, understanding, or other process or document that affects the use or development of fish and wildlife and other natural resources in the state; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the governor and the attorney general to reserve all legal remedies, including the recovery of damages, for a taking of the natural resources of the state in violation of the Alaska Statehood Compact, should a designation of land and water in the state as an international park, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, Ramsar site, or other classification hamper the use or development of the natural resources of the state.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the

United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John F. Kerry, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Jonathan B. Jarvis, director of the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mary Landrieu, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Michael C. Geraghty, Alaska Attorney General; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 113th United States Congress.

POM-355. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently and equitably sharing with all oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas a portion of revenue generated from outer continental shelf oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf to ensure that those states develop necessary infrastructure to support outer continental shelf development and preserve environmental integrity; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

Whereas oil and gas development in federal areas, both onshore and offshore, requires additional investment in state infrastructure and increases demand on state and local government resources; and

Whereas, under the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, the federal government recognizes the effects of oil and gas development in federal onshore areas by sharing with the states 50 percent of revenue from mineral production on federal land within each state’s boundaries; and

Whereas, under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, the federal government recognizes the effect oil and gas development in federal near-shore areas has on states by sharing with those states 27 percent of revenue collected from federal oil and gas leases within three miles of the states’ coastlines; and

Whereas, under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, the federal government

recognizes the effect that oil and gas development in federal offshore areas has on the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and recognizes the contributions to national energy, security, and economic interests made by sharing with those states 37.5 percent of revenue from federal oil and gas leases in outer continental shelf areas adjacent to each state; and

Whereas the federal government fails to recognize the same effects on and contributions made by other oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas, including this state and California; and

Whereas the Alaska outer continental shelf region encompasses the Beaufort, Chukchi, and Bering seas, Cook Inlet, and the Gulf of Alaska, includes over 1,000,000,000 acres, and contains more than 6,000 miles of coastline, which is more coastline than the rest of the United States combined; and

Whereas there are presently 607 active oil and gas leases and more than 3,300,000 acres of leased land in the Alaska outer shelf continental region; and

Whereas federal government grants do not adequately address the need for additional investment in state infrastructure or the increased demands on state and local government resources resulting from outer continental shelf development, especially in this state, which has more coastline, more rural communities, and less infrastructure than any other state; and

Whereas outer continental shelf revenue sharing would allow states to build infrastructure such as marine ports, airports, utilities, and housing, and increase state services, such as oil spill and emergency response and environmental monitoring and mitigation, which would likely lead to expanded, safer exploration and development activity and increase overall revenue to the federal government; and

Whereas additional state infrastructure and increased availability of state and local government resources would likely increase interest in and bids during future federal outer continental shelf oil and gas lease sales, which have generated over \$2,750,000,000 in revenue for the federal government in the Alaska outer continental shelf region alone since 2005; and

Whereas outer continental shelf revenue sharing could provide a stable funding source for and help fulfill the mission of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a national fund created to safeguard natural areas, water resources, and cultural heritage and to provide recreation opportunities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently and equitably sharing with all oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas a

portion of revenue generated from outer continental shelf oil and gas production to ensure the states develop necessary infrastructure to support outer continental shelf development and preserve environmental integrity.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Eric Cantor, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 113th United States Congress.

POM-356. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

Whereas a new federal excise tax of 2.3 percent on the sale of taxable medical devices by manufacturers, producers, and importers of those devices took effect January 1, 2013; and

Whereas the medical device tax is imposed on United States sales, rather than profits, of medical device manufacturers, producers, and importers and will be particularly damaging to innovative start-up companies; and

Whereas the medical device tax was projected to raise \$20,000,000,000, but that estimate has risen to over \$30,000,000,000; and

Whereas the medical device tax will substantially increase the cost of health care and takes direct aim at American innovation by punishing the researchers and manufacturers of devices such as heart stents, pacemakers, patient monitors, artificial hips, limbs, and hearts, and a multitude of other medical devices; and

Whereas thousands of layoffs in the United States have already occurred because of the medical device tax; and

Whereas the medical device tax threatens regional economic vitality, badly needed

jobs, and patients' hopes for new, life-saving products and treatments; and

Whereas the repeal of the medical device tax has strong bipartisan support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

POM-357. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska memorializing support for the strategic recommendation of the January 30, 2014, preliminary report of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission to "continue to pursue, and actively expand, all avenues of participation in the Arctic Council, including involvement in working groups and by building partnerships with permanent participants"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

Whereas, by its very existence, the state enables the United States to be an Arctic nation; and

Whereas, in April 2012, the Alaska State Legislature established the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission to "develop an Arctic policy for the state and produce a strategy for the implementation of an Arctic policy"; and

Whereas the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission has been working with the National Strategy for the Arctic Region Task Force on how to best craft an Arctic policy that benefits and creates opportunity for the state and the entire United States; and

Whereas the Arctic resources of the state are immense and, with responsible development, could contribute significantly to the economy of the United States and to the entire pan-Arctic region; and

Whereas the Bering Strait serves as the gateway to the Arctic for the marine traffic of the United States and other nations between the Pacific Ocean and the Arctic; and

Whereas the marine traffic through the Bering Strait choke point has been increasing; and

Whereas the Arctic Council is the intergovernmental forum in which all eight Arctic nations participate; and

Whereas the Arctic Council includes six Arctic indigenous communities, four of which are resident in the state, and six permanent working groups, each of which directly affects the state; and

Whereas Canada is the current chair of the Arctic Council, and the United States will be the chair from May 2015 until 2017; and

Whereas the United States should seek local and scientific expertise from the state to inform the nation's input at the Arctic Council; and

Whereas, in December 2012, the Governor proposed to the United States Department of State four priorities for consideration while the United States is chair of the Arctic Council; and

Whereas it is important for the priorities of the state and the United States to be in alignment while the United States holds the position of chair of the Arctic Council; and

Whereas, when the United States ascends to chair of the Arctic Council in 2015, the United States Department of State will appoint one individual as chair of the Arctic Council: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Department of State to consider the priorities of the state while it holds the position of chair of the Arctic Council, including the priorities of the Governor, creating jobs and economic opportunity for Arctic residents, preventing suicide, developing safe and sustainable sanitation facilities for small, isolated Arctic communities, and securing safe and reliable shipping; and be it further:

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United States Department of State work in partnership with state officials to appoint a chair of the Arctic Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature supports the strategic recommendation of the January 30, 2014, preliminary report of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission to "continue to pursue, and actively expand, all avenues of participation in the Arctic Council, including involvement in working groups and by building partnerships with permanent participants."

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John F. Kerry, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Robert Menendez, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; the Honorable Bob Corker, ranking member, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant of the United States Coast Guard; the Honorable

Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Fran Ulmer, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; the Honorable Kathryn D. Sullivan, Ph.D., Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator, U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable John Paul Holdren, Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; the Honorable Kerri-Ann Jones, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Alice Hill, Senior Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

POM-358. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the President and Congress of the United States to urge the Government of Iraq to take immediate steps to protect the safety and constitutional rights of all Iraqi citizens; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 430

Whereas, Iraq is currently embroiled in a surge of violence arising from an Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) led offensive that began in the Anbar province, has spread to key locations such as Mosul, Tikrit and Samarra and continues to engulf the region in violence and instability; and

Whereas, on June 29, 2014, ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi renamed the group the Islamic State and pronounced himself caliph of a new Islamic Caliphate encompassing the areas under his control; and

Whereas, Mr. al-Baghdadi has a stated mission of spreading the Islamic State and caliphate across the region through violence against Shiites, non-Muslims and unsupportive Sunnis; and

Whereas, upon taking control over northwestern Iraq and Syria, ISIL issued a warning to Christians living under its jurisdiction to convert to Islam, to pay a burdensome religious tax or to be executed; and

Whereas, over 1,000,000 people have been displaced by violence in Iraq and reports have surfaced of targeted harassment, persecution and killings of Iraqi religious minorities by the Islamic State with little to no protection from the Government of Iraq and other security forces; and

Whereas, reports indicate that Islamic State militants have been marking homes of Christians with the Arabic letter “N,” for “Nazara” (Christian), beheading children and crucifying captives. ISIL’s actions are a

crime against humanity and nothing more than genocide or ethnic cleansing against religious minority groups; and

Whereas, the Iraqi constitution provides for religious freedom by stating:

(1) “no law may be enacted that contradicts the principles of democracy”;

(2) “no law may be enacted that contradicts the rights and basic freedom stipulated in this Constitution”;

(3) “[This Constitution] guarantees the full religious rights to freedom of religious belief and practice of all individuals such as Christians, Yazidis, and Mandaean Sabaeans”;

Whereas, President Barack Obama recently declared on Religious Freedom Day, “Foremost among the rights Americans hold sacred is the freedom to worship as we choose ... [W]e also remember that religious liberty is not just an American right; it is a universal human right to be protected here at home and across the globe. This freedom is an essential part of human dignity, and without it our world cannot know lasting peace”;

Whereas, the atrocities being committed against Christians and other ethnic and religious minority communities in Iraq are unconscionable and represent a crime against humanity; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and the Congress of the United States to publicly denounce the crimes against humanity occurring in Iraq and to take prudent action to protect Iraqi Christians and other religious minorities from persecution from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; and

Resolved, That the President and Congress urge the Government of Iraq to take immediate steps to protect the safety and constitutional rights of all Iraqi citizens; and

Resolved, That the President and Congress work with the Government of Iraq to bring Islamic State militants to justice before an international forum for war crimes and crimes against humanity; be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-359. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska opposing the warrantless collection of telephone call data by the National Security Agency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

Whereas the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but

upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized”;

Whereas the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides “No person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law”;

Whereas, on December 16, 2013, United States District Court Judge Richard Leon ruled that the National Security Agency’s program, bulk collection, and querying of telephone record in metadata are likely unconstitutional; and

Whereas the legislature objects to the dragnet approach to data collection allowed by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, a court that operates in secret and, under sec. 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, issues orders that perpetuate the warrantless collection of data of nearly all Americans; and

Whereas the National Security Agency stores the date and time of calls, their duration, and the participating telephone numbers of the calls of nearly all Americans in a centralized database, which allows National Security Agency analysts to access not only those numbers, but the numbers with which the numbers have been in contact, and, in turn, the numbers in contact with those numbers; and

Whereas the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, in its January 2014 report titled “Report on the Telephone Records Program Conducted under Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and on the Operations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court,” questions the legal basis for the National Security Agency’s mass telephone call data collection program; and

Whereas, when telephone call data of Americans is collected by the National Security Agency, that data is not related to specific investigations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

Whereas orders issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court at the request of the federal government require telephone companies to provide new calling records on a daily basis, a Mandate not grounded in statute; and

Whereas sec. 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act is designed to enable the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain records in the course of investigations, but the National Security Agency’s mass collection of the records is not consistent with that design; and

Whereas the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 prohibits telephone companies from sharing consumer data with the government except in special circumstances, and the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board concluded that the National Security Agency’s telephone call

data collection program may violate the Act; and

Whereas the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board found that the National Security Agency's telephone call data collection program has not prevented, discovered, or identified terrorist attacks, plots, or suspects that threatened the security of the United States; and

Whereas the widespread collection of telephone call data of Americans reveals highly sensitive personal information; and

Whereas the legislature resolutely opposes the continuation of the National Security Agency's warrantless data collection program; and

Whereas the legislature views the National Security Agency's storage in a central database of the telephone call metadata of all Americans as all unconstitutional practice that should be immediately suspended; and

Whereas the history of government coercion, persecution, and abuse of personal information and human life in the twentieth century prompts the legislature to seek to protect the liberty of future generations from an oppressive and tyrannical federal government; and

Whereas the fundamental rights of Americans to speak freely and associate with others are threatened and are likely being diminished by the National Security Agency's mass collection of telephone call data; and

Whereas the National Security Agency's mass collection of telephone call data may intimidate or chill the freedom of expression of individuals and groups that disagree with certain government policies or result in extreme scrutiny of those persons simply for opposing those policies; and

Whereas the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court has deviated from its purpose to authorize warrants for electronic surveillance relating only to a specific person, a specific place, or a specific communications account or device; and

Whereas the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court operates in a secretive manner that prevents the court from hearing public input regarding government requests to conduct surveillance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the federal government to end the mass telephone call data collection program conducted under sec. 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, because of its lack of a statutory foundation and because it raises serious constitutional concerns under the Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the federal government to eliminate all stored metadata upon ending the mass telephone call data collection program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to authorize the creation of a panel of private sector lawyers to serve as advocates for the public before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to increase public knowledge and oversight; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges judges of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to write opinions in a manner that allows the government to declassify and release the opinions to the public; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to work to declassify past opinions and release those opinions to the public; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States Attorney General and members of the intelligence and judiciary committees of the United States Congress to inform the Alaska State Legislature of the federal government's activities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and provide the Alaska State Legislature with copies of reports submitted under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to prohibit the use of state personnel and resources to assist the National Security Agency in its collection of mass data on Alaskans without a specific search warrant; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature considers the National Security Agency's unilateral collection of the telephone call data of all Americans a violation of statute, an unconstitutional program, and a troubling overreach by the federal government; the Alaska State Legislature has sworn to uphold both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska and will not assist the federal government by facilitating programs that are tyrannical in nature, that subject Americans to unreasonable and unwarranted searches, and that violate the fundamental principle of liberty; let this resolution serve as a notice to this Administration and all future Administrations that Alaskans reject surrendering their liberty in the name of an unconstitutional program.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Chair, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Saxby Chambliss, Vice Chair,

U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Mike Rogers, Chair, U.S. House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable C. A. Dutch Ruppersburger, Ranking Member, U.S. House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Jeh Johnson, United States Secretary of Homeland Security; the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska; General Keith B. Alexander, United States Army, Director, National Security Agency; Richard H. Ledgett, Jr., Deputy Director, National Security Agency; James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

POM-360. Urging the United States Congress to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States Veterans who served in the waters defined by and in the airspace over the combat zone in Vietnam, and urging the United States Congress to pass the Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2013 and to establish a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

Whereas, during the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed over 19,000,000 gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops used by the enemy; those herbicides contained dioxin, which has since been identified as carcinogenic and has been linked with numerous serious and disabling diseases affecting thousands of veterans; and

Whereas the United States Congress passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991 to address the plight of veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Republic of Vietnam; the Act amended Title 38 of the United States Code presumptively to recognize as service-connected certain diseases among military personnel who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975; that presumption has provided access to appropriate disability compensation and medical care for Vietnam veterans diagnosed with illnesses such as Type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, prostate cancer, Parkinson's disease, multiple myeloma, peripheral neuropathy, AL Amyloidosis respiratory cancers, and soft tissue sarcomas, and others yet to be identified; and

Whereas, under a 2001 directive, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has denied the presumption of a service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam veterans who cannot furnish written documentation that they had “boots on the ground” in-country, making it virtually impossible for countless United States Navy, Marine, and Air Force veterans to pursue their claims for benefits; moreover, personnel who served on ships in the “Blue Water Navy” in Vietnamese territorial waters were, in fact, exposed to dangerous airborne toxins, which not only drifted offshore but washed into streams and rivers draining into the South China Sea; and

Whereas the United States Navy has been excluded from coverage under the Agent Orange Act of 1991 although Agent Orange has been verified, through various studies and reports, to be a wide-spreading chemical that was able to reach Navy ships through the air and through waterborne distribution routes; and

Whereas warships positioned off the Vietnamese coast routinely distilled seawater to obtain potable water; a 2002 Australian study found that the distillation process, rather than removing toxins, in fact concentrated dioxin in water used for drinking, cooking, and washing; the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs conducted that study after it found that Vietnam veterans of the Royal Australian Navy had a higher rate of mortality from diseases associated with Agent Orange than did Vietnam veterans of other branches of the military; and

Whereas the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found a higher risk of specific cancers among United States Navy veterans than among veterans of other branches of the military; and

Whereas herbicides containing dioxin did not discriminate between soldiers on the ground and sailors on ships offshore; and

Whereas Representative Christopher Gibson and 168 cosponsors, including Representative Don Young, introduced the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013; and

Whereas more than 30 veterans service organizations support the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013; and

Whereas, by not passing the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013, a precedent could be set selectively to provide certain groups with injury-related medical care while denying that care to other groups, without any financial, scientific, or consistent reasoning; and

Whereas, when the Agent Orange Act of 1991 passed with no dissenting votes, congressional leaders stressed the importance of responding to the health concerns of Vietnam veterans and ending the bitterness and anxiety that had surrounded the issue of

herbicide exposure; the federal government has also demonstrated its awareness of the hazards of Agent Orange exposure through its involvement in the identification, containment, and mitigation of dioxin “hot spots” in Vietnam; and

Whereas the United States Congress should reaffirm the nation’s commitment to the well-being of all of its veterans and direct the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Agent Orange Act of 1991 under the presumption that herbicide exposure in the Republic of Vietnam included inland waterways, offshore waters, and airspace, encompassing the entire combat zone; and

Whereas S. 1602 was introduced in the United States Senate on October 29, 2013, by Senator Richard Blumenthal; and

Whereas S. 1602 would establish a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the armed forces of the United States, provide services to those descendants, and establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States Veterans who served in the waters defined by the combat zone and in the airspace over the combat zone; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to pass S. 1602, the Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2013, and to establish a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barak Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bernie Sanders, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs; the Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Eric K. Shinseki, United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

POM-361. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska condemning the actions of the Veterans

Health Administration officials that prohibited religious holiday messages, music, and gifts from being conveyed to veterans at Veterans Health Administration facilities and requesting that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs ensure that the violations of veterans’ rights described in this resolution do not occur again; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

Whereas, in December 2013, federal Veterans Health Administration facilities in Texas, Georgia, Iowa, and Alabama violated the religious freedom rights of convalescing veterans in their care; and

Whereas a Veterans Health Administration hospital in Dallas, Texas, did not distribute to the veterans in its care holiday cards that used certain language, including “Merry Christmas” and “God bless you”; and

Whereas a Veterans Health Administration hospital in Augusta, Georgia, denied Christmas carolers from the local high school the opportunity to sing in public areas of the hospital; and

Whereas two other Veterans Health Administration facilities in Iowa and Alabama prohibited the distribution of Christmas gifts and Christmas gift bags; and

Whereas a Veterans Health Administration official cited the policy of the Veterans Health Administration for the nondistribution of the holiday cards; and

Whereas the Veterans Health Administration official stated that, in order to respect veterans religious beliefs, all donated holiday cards are reviewed by a multidisciplinary team of staff led by the chaplaincy services to determine whether the cards are appropriate and can be freely distributed to patients; and

Whereas the Veterans Health Administration official stated that the process for reviewing holiday cards was not fully explained to the particular group involved and apologized for any misunderstanding; and

Whereas the officials at the Veterans Health Administration facilities described in this resolution ignored the policies established by the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding holiday practices at the facilities; and

Whereas those holiday cards, gifts, and presentations came from caring citizens, including young children, who took the time to recognize the heroic actions of men and women who have sacrificed so much in the service of their country in times of both peace and war; and

Whereas, although Christmas Day has origins in religious beliefs, it is recognized as a civic holiday for federal employees; and

Whereas the Veterans Health Administration violates the right to religious

freedom of the veterans in its care by not allowing them to receive certain holiday cards and gifts and to attend certain presentations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature condemns the actions of the Veterans Health Administration officials that prohibited religious holiday messages, music, and gifts from being conveyed to veterans at Veterans Health Administration facilities and respectfully requests that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs ensure that the violations of veterans' rights described in this resolution do not occur again; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs reconsider the policies on holiday practices at Veterans Health Administration facilities and rewrite those policies so that the violations of veterans' rights described in this resolution do not occur again; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature finds it very troubling that the established policies and procedures of the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs on holiday practices at the Veterans Health Administration facilities are apparently being ignored and respectfully requests that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs review the present established policies on holiday practices at Veterans Health Administration facilities and train personnel on those policies so that the apparent violations of veterans' rights described in this resolution do not occur again; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs provide each member of the Alaska State Legislature with a written assurance that the actions of the Veterans Health Administration officials described in this resolution do not reflect the policies on holiday practices at Veterans Health Administration facilities.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bernie Sanders, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Eric K. Shinseki, United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Verdie Bowen, Director, Office of Veterans Affairs, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans'

Affairs; Susan Yeager, Director, Alaska VA Healthcare System; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 113th United States Congress.

POM-362. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska condemning the actions of the Veterans Health Administration officials that prohibited religious holiday messages, music, and gifts from being conveyed to veterans at Veterans Health Administration facilities and requesting that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs ensure that the violations of veterans' rights described in this resolution do not occur again; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Whereas, in December 2013, federal Veterans Health Administration facilities in Texas, Georgia, Iowa, and Alabama violated the religious freedom rights of convalescing veterans in their care; and

Whereas a Veterans Health Administration hospital in Dallas, Texas, did not distribute to the veterans in its care holiday cards that used certain language, including "Merry Christmas" and "God bless you"; and

Whereas a Veterans Health Administration hospital in Augusta, Georgia, denied Christmas carolers from the local high school the opportunity to sing in public areas of the hospital; and

Whereas two other Veterans Health Administration facilities in Iowa and Alabama prohibited the distribution of Christmas gifts and Christmas gift bags; and

Whereas a Veterans Health Administration official cited the policy of the Veterans Health Administration for the nondistribution of the holiday cards; and

Whereas the Veterans Health Administration official stated that, in order to respect veterans' religious beliefs, all donated holiday cards are reviewed by a multidisciplinary team of staff led by the chaplaincy services to determine whether the cards are appropriate and can be freely distributed to patients; and

Whereas the Veterans Health Administration official stated that the process for reviewing holiday cards was not fully explained to the particular group involved and apologized for any misunderstanding; and

Whereas the officials at the Veterans Health Administration facilities described in this resolution ignored the policies established by the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding holiday practices at the facilities; and

Whereas those holiday cards, gifts, and presentations came from caring citizens, including young children, who took the time to recognize the heroic actions of men and women who have sacrificed so much in the service of their country in times of both peace and war; and

Whereas, although Christmas Day has origins in religious beliefs, it is recognized as a civic holiday for federal employees; and

Whereas the Veterans Health Administration violates the right to religious freedom of the veterans in its care by not allowing them to receive certain holiday cards and gifts and to attend certain presentations: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs reconsider the policies on holiday practices at Veterans Health Administration facilities and rewrite those policies so that the violations of veterans' rights described in this resolution do not occur again; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature finds it very troubling that the established policies and procedures of the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs on holiday practices at the Veterans Health Administration facilities are apparently being ignored and respectfully requests that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs review the present established policies on holiday practices at Veterans Health Administration facilities and train personnel on those policies so that the apparent violations of veterans' rights described in this resolution do not occur again; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs provide each member of the Alaska State Legislature with a written assurance that the actions of the Veterans Health Administration officials described in this resolution do not reflect the policies on holiday practices at Veterans Health Administration facilities.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S.

House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bernie Sanders, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Eric K. Shinseki, United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Verdie Bowen, Director, Office of Veterans Affairs, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; Susan Yeager, Director, Alaska VA Healthcare System; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 113th United States Congress.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.R. 1447. A bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1744. A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2520. A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 2947. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to clarify the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to prescribe just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory or preferential terms, conditions, and compensation applicable to wholesale demand response resource participation in organized wholesale energy, capacity, and ancillary service markets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2948. A bill to extend the requirement that drug manufacturers that increase prices faster than inflation pay an additional rebate to State Medicaid programs to include manufacturers of generic drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2949. A bill to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 2950. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 2951. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is informed of the interment of deceased veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2952. A bill to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2953. A bill to prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2954. A bill to improve the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2955. A bill to revise the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 2956. A bill to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2957. A bill to limit the disturbance to American families caused by electioneering phone calls by expanding the National Do No Call Registry to include Super PACs and other third-party political groups, to prohibit

robo-calls to Americans who have listed their telephone numbers on the Registry, and to prohibit push-polling; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2958. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the employer wage credit for employees who are active duty members of the Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2959. A bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2960. A bill to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2961. A bill to establish the Office of Planning for Future Intercity Transportation within the Office of the Secretary of Transportation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2962. A bill to repeal the tax increase imposed by Obamacare on taxpayers who incur catastrophic medical expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. NELSON, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2963. A bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2964. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2965. A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2966. A bill to improve the understanding and coordination of critical care health services; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 585. A resolution designating December 3, 2014, as "National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 586. A resolution calling on the Government of Burma to develop a non-discriminatory and comprehensive solution that addresses Rakhine State's needs for peace, security, harmony, and development under equitable and just application of the rule of law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 587. A resolution encouraging reunions of Korean-Americans who were divided by the Korean War from their relatives in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 588. A resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Res. 589. A resolution honoring the life of Thomas S. Menino, Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts, from 1993 to 2014; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. JOHNSON

of South Dakota, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 590. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. LEVIN)):

S. Res. 591. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 526

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. RISCH] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. BARRASSO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the

Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1361, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to help establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1815

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1815, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps.

S. 2047

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2047, a bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes.

S. 2288

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Ms. HEITKAMP] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2288, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand existing tax credits to encourage the capture, utilization, and sequestration of carbon dioxide.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless

of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 2434

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2434, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that working families have access to affordable health insurance coverage.

S. 2520

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 2520, a bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2591, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2685

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2685, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 2732

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. SCHATZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2732, a bill to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 2746

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better

understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, supra.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, supra.

S. 2848

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2848, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2874

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2874, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup of status offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 2920

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2920, a bill to deny Social Security benefits and other benefits to individuals who participated in Nazi persecution.

S. 2930

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2930, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2943

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2943, a bill to amend Public Law 110-299 to extend the time period during which permits are not required for certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2943, supra.

S. 2944

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR],

the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. TOOMEY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK], the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 2944, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.

S. 2945

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. BEGICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2945, a bill to repeal section 910 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 565

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 565, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin.

SENATE RESOLUTION 580

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 580, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

SENATE RESOLUTION 583

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 583, a resolution designating November 30, 2014, as "Drive Safer Sunday".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Takata Airbag Defects and the Vehicle Recall Process."

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2014, at 1 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Why Are Some Generic Drugs Skyrocketing in Price?"

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND
ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2014, in room S-216 of the Capitol, immediately following the floor vote at 2 p.m.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON
INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Wall Street Bank Involvement With Physical Commodities."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 20, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 9:48 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one

of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3398. An act to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3583. An act to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program.

H.R. 4012. An act to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible.

H.R. 5448. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

H.R. 5681. An act to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes.

H.R. 5728. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.

At 11:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 119. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3398. An act to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4012. An act to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or

reproducible; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE BILL PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3583. An act to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the order of yesterday be modified, such that upon disposition of the nomination of Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Slovenia, the Senate proceed to consider the nomination of Robert M. Speer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army; that the Senate vote on confirmation thereof; and that all other provisions of the order of yesterday remain in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving three rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to Hungary.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert S. Adler, of District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Charlotte A. Burrows, of District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014, the Senate proceed to executive session to vote on the question of agreeing to the motions, made by Mr. REID, to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Noah Bryson Mamet and Colleen Bradley Bell; that, if said motions are agreed to, time for debate thereon, pursuant to provisions of resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014; that, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to each vote; that the vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with

no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH
DATA ENHANCEMENT AND
AWARENESS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 669) to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. HARKIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3958, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. HARKIN), so as to read: "A bill to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life."

EXTENDING ENFORCEMENT
INSTRUCTION ON SUPERVISION
REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT
THERAPEUTIC SERVICES IN
CRITICAL ACCESS AND SMALL
RURAL HOSPITALS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARK UDALL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4067) to provide for the extension of

the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMENDING THE FEDERAL
CHARTER OF THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED
STATES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5441) to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

STELA REAUTHORIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5728) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
GOALS OF “NATIONAL ADOPTION
DAY” AND “NATIONAL ADOPTION
MONTH”

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 580) expressing support for the goals of “National Adoption Day” and “National Adoption Month” by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING “DRIVE SAFER
SUNDAY”

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 583) designating November 30, 2014 as “Drive Safer Sunday.”

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THAT ACCESS TO
HOSPITALS FOR PATIENTS IN
RURAL AREAS OF THE UNITED
STATES IS ESSENTIAL TO THE
SURVIVAL AND SUCCESS OF
COMMUNITIES

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 588) recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States, submitted today by Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr.

GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. HIRONO), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS
M. MENINO

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 589) honoring the life of Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts, from 1993 to 2014, submitted today by Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING “NATIONAL NATIVE
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 590) recognizing “National Native American Heritage Month” and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States, submitted today by Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. TOM UDALL, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. TIM JOHNSON, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REID), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTING THE DAY FOR THE
CONVENING OF THE FIRST
SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 129) appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, November 17, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL
ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AND A
CONDITIONAL RECESS OR
ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 119) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF
ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That he be authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions, during the recess or adjournment of the Senate, from today through Monday, December 1, 2014.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS
DURING ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 2014, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014, as pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 119; that, on Monday, December 1, 2014, immediately following the prayer and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein; and that the time therein be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:22 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, and pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 119, until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. LEAHY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 20, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 20, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 20, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on Friday, November 21, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 4067. An act to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.

H.R. 5441. An act to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 5728. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 129. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of November 20, 2014, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on Monday, November 24, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7934. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law,

three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7935. A communication from the President of the Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7936. A communication from the Chief of the Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 1, and 22 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Cellular Service, Including Changes in Licensing of Unserved Area; Amendment to the Commission's Rules with Regard to Relocation of Part 24 to Part 27; Interim Restrictions and Procedures for Cellular Service Applications; Amendment of Parts 0, 1, and 22 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Frequency Coordination for the Cellular Service; Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Radiated Power Limits for the Cellular Service" (WT Docket No. 12-40)(FCC 14-181)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7937. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana - Air Quality, Subchapter 7, Exclusion for De minimis Changes; Final Rule" (FRL No. 9918-35-Region 8), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7938. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Steam Generating Units" (FRL No. 9918-21-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7939. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Inspection and Maintenance Program Updates" (FRL No. 9919-10-Region 4), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7940. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (FRL No. 9919-48-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7941. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Washington; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Best Available Retrofit Technology for Alcoa Intalco Operations, Tesoro Refining and Marketing, and Alcoa Wenatchee" (FRL No. 9919-38-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7942. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit a Complete State Implementation Plan for Section 110(a) Pertaining to the 2010 Nitrogen Oxide (NO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9919-67-OAR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7943. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Tribal Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9917-07-Region 10), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7944. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reconsideration of Certain Startup/Shutdown Issues: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Electric Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units" (FRL No. 9919-29-OAR), received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7945. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Amounts Paid to Section 170(c) Organizations Under Certain Employer Leave-Based Donation Programs to Aid Victims of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone" (Notice 2014-68), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7946. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Home Health Study: An Investigation on Access to Care and Payment for Vulnerable Patient Populations"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7947. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arbitrage Rebate Overpayments on Tax-Exempt Bonds" ((RIN1545-BK80)(TD9701)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7948. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Failure to File Gain Recognition Agreements or Satisfy Other Reporting Obligations" ((RIN1545-BK65)-(TD9704)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7949. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2014-27), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7950. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7951. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of

September 30, 2014 (DCN OSS 2014-1862); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7952. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General James O. Barclay III, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7953. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Annual Return/Report - Multiple-Employer Plans" (RIN1210-AB66), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7954. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Division of Freedom of Information; Change of Office Name, and Removal of Address, Telephone Number, and Fax Number; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0318), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7955. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's consolidated report addressing the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA or Integrity Act) and the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7956. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7957. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's fiscal year 2014 Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7958. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7959. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions; Revision of Departmental Component Designations" (RIN3209-AA14), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7960. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Financial Report for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7961. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-462, "License to Carry a Pistol Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7962. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7963. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7964. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7965. A communication from the Senior Associate General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2014; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1744, A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-276).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 2479, A bill to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada (Rept. No. 113-277).

Report to accompany S. 2480, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-278).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2030. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-279).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 2583, A bill to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (Rept. No. 113-280).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2338. A bill to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-281).

S. 2759. A bill to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport (Rept. No. 113-282).

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BURR:

S. Res. 592. A resolution recognizing the contributions of the Montagnard indigenous tribespeople of the Central Highlands of Vietnam to the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, and condemning the ongoing violation of human rights by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 864

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to

amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1686

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1686, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors.

S. 1853

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1853, a bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes.

S. 2549

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2549, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada.

S. 2689

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mrs. HAGAN] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2833

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2833, a bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes.

S. 2876

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2876, a bill to establish a public education and awareness and access program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 2924

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BLUNT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2924, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials.

S. 2943

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BOOZMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2943, a bill to amend Public Law 110-299 to extend the time period during which permits are not required for certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels.

S. 2944

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2944, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.

S. 2963

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2963, a bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels.

SENATE RESOLUTION 578

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. KAINE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 578, a resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate immediately after the first rollcall Vote on December 1, 2014.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4795. An act to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4795. An act to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Thursday, November 20, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO JACK NICKLAUS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that the credentials of Mr. SCHATZ, duly chosen a Senator by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii, and the credentials of Mr. SCOTT, duly chosen a Senator by the qualified electors of the State of South Carolina, be laid before the Senate, and the oath of office prescribed by law then be administered; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session, to resume consideration of the nomination of Noah Bryson Mamet.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:17 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

CREDENTIALS OF A SENATOR-ELECT FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of Brian Schatz, duly chosen a Senator by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 for the unexpired term ending at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, as follows; which was deemed read and ordered placed on file:

STATE OF HAWAII
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR
UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November, 2014, Brian Schatz was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2017, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the death of Daniel K. Inouye.

Witness: His excellency our governor Neil Abercrombie, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this 24th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2014.

By the Governor:

NEIL ABERCROMBIE,
Governor.

SCOTT T. NAGO,
Chief Election Officer.

[State Seal Affixed]

Mr. SCHATZ appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

CREDENTIALS OF A SENATOR-ELECT FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the credentials of Tim Scott, duly chosen a Senator by the qualified electors of the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 for the unexpired term ending at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, as

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of

follows; which was deemed read and ordered placed on file:

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR
UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fourth day of November A.D. 2014, Tim Scott was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of South Carolina a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the third day of January, 2017, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Jim DeMint.

Witness: Her Excellency our governor Nikki R. Haley and our seal hereto affixed at Columbia, South Carolina, this twenty-fourth day of November in the year of our Lord 2014.

NIKKI R. HALEY,
Governor.

MARK HAMMOND,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

Mr. SCOTT appeared, and the oath of office prescribed by law having been administered by the VICE PRESIDENT, and subscribed by him, he took his seat in the Senate.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving eight rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred).

CHESAPEAKE BAY
ACCOUNTABILITY AND
RECOVERY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WARNER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1000) to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CARDIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3965, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FEDERAL DUCK STAMP ACT

On the request of Mr. WARNER,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5069) to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1618. A bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government (Rept. No. 113-283).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2967. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing,

or coercing States to adopt the Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, instructional content, curricula, assessments, or programs of instruction; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2968. A bill to include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2969. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain items under the control of the Omar Bradley Foundation to the descendants of General Omar Bradley; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2970. A bill to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. MORAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 995

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 995, a bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies

analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.

S. 1332

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1332, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1407

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1407, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

S. 2693

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2693, a bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

S. 2723

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2723, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit.

S. 2738

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2738, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

S. 2785

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2785, a bill to

direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] were added as cosponsors of S. 2828, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2839

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2839, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 2843

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2843, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide certain members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are victims of sex-related offenses with access to a special victims' counsel.

S. 2944

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CASEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2944, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.

S. 2949

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2949, a bill to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information.

S. 2964

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 2964, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 2966

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2966, a bill to improve the understanding and coordination of critical care health services.

SENATE RESOLUTION 578

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 578, a resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's

poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SANDERS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Addressing Domestic Violence in Professional Sports."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2014, at 3 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

The Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Innovation and the Utilities of the Future: How Local Water Treatment Facilities are Leading the Way to Better Manage Wastewater and Water Supplies."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one

of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2455. An act to provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3410. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic pulses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3438. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize use of grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program to work in conjunction with a Department of Energy national laboratory.

H.R. 4924. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona.

H.R. 5421. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3410. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic pulses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5421. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDING EBOLA TO THE FDA PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER PROGRAM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2917) to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2970) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

BILL WILLIAMS RIVER WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4924) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30

a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Charlotte A. Burrows; and that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2970) to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving seven rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7966. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7967. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7968. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7969. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Systems Compliance and Integrity" (RIN3235-AL43), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7970. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-426, "Wage Theft

Prevention Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7971. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Requests" (5 CFR Part 1630 and 5 CFR Part 1631), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7972. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2013"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7973. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7974. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7975. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-78; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7976. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7977. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Year Format" ((RIN9000-AM53)(FAC 2005-78)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7978. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Streamlining Claims Processing" ((RIN9000-AM83)(FAC 2005-78)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7979. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Incorporating Section K in Contracts" ((RIN9000-AM78)-(FAC 2005-78)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7980. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-78; Introduction" (FAC 2005-78), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7981. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirements" ((RIN9000-AM65)(FAC 2005-78)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7982. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammals; Subsistence Taking of Northern Fur Seals; St. George Island, Alaska" (RIN0648-BD12), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7983. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia's Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan of the West Virginia Portion of the Martinsburg-Hagerstown, WV-MD Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9919-65-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7984. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulemaking to Amend Dates in Federal Implementation Plans Addressing Interstate Transport of Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter" ((RIN2060-AS40)(FRL No. 9919-71-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7985. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: 2014 Revisions and Confidentiality Determinations for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems; Final Rule" ((RIN2060-AR96)-(FRL No. 9918-95-OAR)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7986. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Texas" (FRL No. 9919-74-Region 6), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7987. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; 2014 Iowa State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9919-87-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25,

2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7988. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Data on Allocations of Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Allowances to Existing Electricity Generating Units" (FRL No. 9919-91-OAR), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7989. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; CFR Update" (FRL No. 9919-83-Region 5), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7990. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Allegheny County's Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Four Industry Categories for Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions" (FRL No. 9919-66-Region 3), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL No. 9919-72-Region 7), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7992. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Balanced System for Measuring Organizational and Employee Performance Within the Internal Revenue Service" ((RIN1545-BL89)(TD 9703)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7993. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - December 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-31), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7994. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Essential Coverage and Other Rules Regarding the Shared Responsibility Payment for Individuals" ((RIN1545-BL91)(TD 9705)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7995. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure Providing Indexing Under Section 36B and Section 5000A (2016)" (Rev. Proc. 2014-62), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7996. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Individual Shared Responsibility Payment Hardship Exemptions that May Be Claimed on a Federal Income Tax Return Without Obtaining a Hardship Exemption Certification from the Marketplace" (Notice 2014-76), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7997. A communication from the Acting Chief Management Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7998. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7999. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Drug

Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption From Registration for Persons Authorized Under U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State Medical Use Licenses or Permits and Administering the Drug Product DaTscan" ((RIN1117-AB38)(Docket No. DEA-394)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 25, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8000. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mail or Telephone Order Merchandise Rule" (RIN3084-AB07), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8001. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-XD590), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8002. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" (RIN0648-XD589), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8003. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fraser River Sockeye Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders" (RIN0648-XD548), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and

referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2971. A bill to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2972. A bill to require all equestrian helmets manufactured or sold in the United States meet a minimum safety standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 46. A joint resolution to declare that a state of war exists between the organization referring to itself as the Islamic State and the Government and the people of the United States, and to make provisions to prosecute the same; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 593. A resolution designating December 13, 2014, as "Wreaths Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 714

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the

Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1323

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

S. 2723

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2723, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] were added as cosponsors of S. 2762, a bill to prevent future propane shortages, and for other purposes.

S. 2930

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2930, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2944

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 2944, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. NELSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2944, supra.

S. 2963

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2963, a bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels.

SENATE RESOLUTION 578

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. BLUMENTHAL] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mrs. SHAHEEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 578, a resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KAINE,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Farmers and Fresh Water: Voluntary Conservation to Protect our Land and Waters."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 9 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "NRC's Implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force

Recommendations and other Actions to Enhance and Maintain Nuclear Safety."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled "Evaluating the Impact of the 'Umbrella Movement.'"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Dismantling Iran's Nuclear Weapons Program: Next Steps to Achieve a Comprehensive Deal."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, in room S-216 of the Capitol Building, immediately following the floor vote at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 11:30 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 3, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Natural Gas Vehicles: Fueling American Jobs, Enhancing Energy Security, and Achieving Emissions Benefits."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2040. An act to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2366. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

H.R. 2790. An act to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3240. An act to instruct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of Regulation D, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3572. An act to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units.

H.R. 4200. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies.

H.R. 4329. An act to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4569. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5050. An act to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5471. An act to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5629. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5714. An act to permit commercial applicators of pesticides to create, retain, submit, and convey pesticide application-related records, reports, data, and other information in electronic form.

H.R. 5739. An act to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.

At 6:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2203. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2790. An act to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3240. An act to instruct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of Regulation D, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4200. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4329. An act to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 4569. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5471. An act to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5629. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5714. An act to permit commercial applicators of pesticides to create, retain, submit, and convey pesticide application-related records, reports, data, and other information in electronic form; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Gregory N. Stivers, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded on the nominations of Franklin M. Orr and Joseph S. Hezir; and that the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations.

Ordered further, That, following said votes, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Gregory N. Stivers, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Lydia Kay Griggsby; that, if a motion is agreed to, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 1:45 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, at 1:45 p.m., time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; and that the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations in the order that motions to bring to a close debate were agreed to.

Ordered further, That, following said votes, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, Lauren McGarity McFerran, and Ellen Dudley Williams; that, if a motion is agreed to, on Monday, December 8, 2014, following remarks by the leaders, the Senate proceed to

a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 5:30 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, at 5:30 p.m., time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; that the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations in the order that motions to bring to a close debate were agreed to; and that, following said votes, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only.

Ordered further, That, on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge and Ronald Anderson Walter; that, if a motion is agreed to, there be a period for the transaction of morning business, for debate only, until 6 p.m.; that the time therein be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that, at 6 p.m., time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; and that the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order.

Ordered further, That there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR COOPERATION ON THE USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE PURPOSES

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5681) to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, November 20, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RELEASING THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI, FROM ALL RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND LIMITATIONS ON THE USE, ENCUMBRANCE, CONVEYANCE, AND CLOSURE OF THE ST. CLAIR REGIONAL AIRPORT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2759) to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; CERTAIN BILLS PASSED, EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

S. 229. A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center";

S. 2921. A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic";

H.R. 3375. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic";

H.R. 3682. A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the "Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic."

Ordered further, That the Senate proceed to consider the bills, en bloc; that the bills be read the third time, and passed, en bloc; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN BILLS ON CALENDAR EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills:

H.R. 43. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 451. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office";

H.R. 1391. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Joshua B. McDaniels and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 3085. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 3957. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building";

H.R. 4189. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon and Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 4443. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building";

H.R. 4919. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 5106. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building";

S. 2523. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building."

Ordered, That the bills be read the third time, and passed, en bloc; and that motions to

reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 540) recognizing September 15, 2014, as the "International Day of Democracy," affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND LEGACY OF LOUIS ZAMPERINI

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 531) honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Louis Zamperini and expressing condolences on his passing.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to amend the resolving clause, at the appropriate place, by striking certain words and inserting others (being amendment No. 3971).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL PHENYLKETONURIA AWARENESS DAY"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 585) designating December 3, 2014, as "National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY"

On the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 593) designating December 13, 2014, as "Wreaths Across America Day," submitted today by Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr.; and that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate thereon between the two leaders, or their designees.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL,

At 7:44 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

Mr. JOHN E. WALSH, from the State of Montana, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Reverend Dr. Calvin V. French, Pastor Emeritus, of Community of Christ Church, in Washington, D.C. offered a prayer, and Mr. WALSH led the Senate in

reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Bill Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 4, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business until 1:45 p.m., with the time therein equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate only.

Pending debate,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2963. A bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (Rept. No. 113-284).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Report to accompany S.919, A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-285).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

H. Con. Res. 107. A concurrent resolution denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 578. A resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 586. A resolution calling on the Government of Burma to develop a non-discriminatory and comprehensive solution that addresses Rakhine State's needs for peace, security, harmony, and development under equitable and just application of the rule of law, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2140. A bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 2973. A bill to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2974. A bill to provide for a review of, and repeal of, the antitrust exemptions for professional sports; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2975. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2976. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2977. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2978. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an American World War II City, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2979. A bill to extend eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home and domiciliary care for certain veterans who served in a theater of combat operations; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BURR):

S. 2980. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2981. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from mandating the deployment of vulnerabilities in data security technologies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 2982. A bill to provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 2983. A bill to allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall of United States Merchant Marine Academy after gift by United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc., for renovation of such hall and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2984. A bill to modify the definition of cotton futures contracts in the United States Cotton Futures Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2985. A bill to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 2986. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 594. A resolution celebrating the centennial year of the birth of Jan Karski and honoring his extraordinary and courageous life; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Missouri [Mrs. MCCASKILL] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to

modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 2523

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2523, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW., in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

S. 2609

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2609, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

S. 2723

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2723, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit.

S. 2789

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2789, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 2816

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2816, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the specific exemption for professional football leagues and to provide a special rule for other professional sports leagues, and to provide an additional authorization of appropriations for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

S. 2909

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. HEINRICH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2909, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to end extreme global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote durable, long-term, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and

children, build resilient, adaptive, local capacity of vulnerable populations, and for other related purposes.

S. 2953

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2953, a bill to prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes.

S. 2963

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2963, a bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels.

SENATE RESOLUTION 578

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. UDALL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 578, a resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. COONS,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 4, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 4, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 4, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The FANS Act: Are Sports Blackouts and Antitrust Exemptions Harming Fans, Consumers, and the Games Themselves?"

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 4, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

The Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 4, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 3:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2673. An act to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 2917. An act to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5769. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 669) to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and an amendment to the title.

At 4:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2040. An act to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 43. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office".

H.R. 669. An act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

H.R. 1391. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3375. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

H.R. 3682. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the "Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 3957. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4189. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4443. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building".

H.R. 4919. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4924. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona.

H.R. 5069. An act to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the

acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building".

H.R. 5681. An act to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes.

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5769. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 1:45 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

WORLD WAR I AMERICAN
VETERANS CENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TOM UDALL in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2366) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONOR FLIGHT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4812) to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ESTABLISHING THE LAW SCHOOL CLINIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5108) to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR LIMITATIONS ON THE FEES CHARGED TO PASSENGERS OF AIR CARRIERS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5462) to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NO SOCIAL SECURITY FOR NAZIS ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5739) to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NAVAL VESSEL TRANSFER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1683) to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3973, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

NEW MEXICO NAVAJO WATER SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1447) to make technical corrections to

certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the bill.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the Committee, so as to read: "A bill to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes."

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 45) providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was deemed read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CONFERRING HONORARY CITIZENSHIP ON BERNARDO DE GALVEZ Y MADRID

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 105) conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on July 29, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE
CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER**

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 120) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**DESIGNATING "NATIONAL FALLS
PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY"**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 569) designating September 23, 2014, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL
YEAR OF THE BIRTH OF JAN
KARSKI**

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 594) celebrating the centennial year of the birth of Jan Karski and honoring his extraordinary and courageous life, submitted today by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. KIRK), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT PRO
TEMPORE
CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW
COMMISSION**

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the PRESIDENT pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Finance, had appointed the following individual to the United States – China Economic Security Review Commission: Katherine Tobin, of Virginia.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY
LEADER
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND
BOARD**

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 95-277, as amended by Public Law 102-246, had reappointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five year term: Tom Girardi, of California.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 2 P.M. ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2014, AND FOR
PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:24 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 2 p.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 4, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

**CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 4, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

**TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, December 4, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, December 8, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2040. A bill to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

**EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8004. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza" ((RIN0579-AC36)(Docket No. APHIS-2006-0074)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8005. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County Oregon; Modification of Container Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0046; FV14-945-2 FIR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8006. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Process for Establishing Rates Charged for AMS Services" ((RIN0581-AD36)(Docket No. AMS-LPS-13-0050)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8007. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Section 610 Review" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0047), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8008. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Clarification of the Avocado Grade Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0069; FV13-915-3 FR), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8009. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8010. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the permanent reduction of sizable numbers of members of the Armed Forces at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8011. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8012. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 annual report on the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8013. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Efficient Utilization of Department of Defense Real Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8014. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8015. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8016. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Market Utilities" (RIN7100-AE09), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8017. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aging Management of Loss of Coating or Lining Integrity for Internal Coatings/Linings on In-Scope Piping, Piping Components, Heat Exchangers, and Tanks" (NRC-2014-0004), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8018. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Test Sale 2014"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8019. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act of 2012--Section 8 Best Practices for Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8020. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under Pregnancy-Based Medicaid and CHIP Programs" (Notice 2014-71), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8021. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Transportation Fringe" (Rev. Rul. 2014-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8022. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments--Uninsured Definition" (RIN0938-AQ37), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8023. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Requirements for the Medicare Incentive Reward Program and Provider Enrollment" ((RIN0938-AP01)(CMS-6045-F)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8024. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of One-Per-Year Limit on IRA Rollovers" (Announcement 2014-32), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8025. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8026. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of an agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative

Office; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8028. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0147 - 2014-0161); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8029. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8030. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-112); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8031. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-064); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8032. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-109); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8033. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-102); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8034. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-107); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-122); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8036. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food in Vending Machines" ((RIN0910-AG56)(Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0171)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8037. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Food Establishments" ((RIN0910-AG57)(Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0172)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8038. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Thornyhead Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD626), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8039. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XD610), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8040. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfly Fishery; Notification of Butterfish Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD603), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8041. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota

Transfer" (RIN0648-XD584), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8042. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BE59), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8043. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD624), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8044. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD588), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8045. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Provide Spectrum for the Operation of Medical Body Area Networks" ((ET Docket No. 08-59)(FCC 14-124)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8046. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; U.S. Territorial Catch and Fishing Effort Limits" (RIN0648-BD46), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8047. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal

Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((ET Docket Nos. 13-26 and 14-14)(FCC 14-157)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8048. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD623), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8049. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8050. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8051. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8052. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8053. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8054. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual

Report for the period of April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8055. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8056. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8057. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8058. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8059. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8060. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8061. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8062. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8063. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8064. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8065. A communication from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8066. A communication from the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8067. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment: Boarding of Vessels at CBP Ports" (CBP Dec. 14-11), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8068. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 1A Did Not Fully Comply with All Legal Requirements"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8069. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8070. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference" ((RIN3095-AB78)(Docket No. OFR-2013-0001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8071. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8072. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8073. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8074. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8075. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8076. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary (International Markets and Developments), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8077. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Distinct Populations Segments of Yelloweye Rockfish, Canary Rockfish and Bocaccio" (RIN0648-BC76), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8078. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of the Treasury" (5 CFR Part 3101), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of

the Senate on November 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8079. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary (Domestic Finance), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8080. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Investment Companies - Investments in Passive Businesses" (RIN3245-AG57), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-8081. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8082. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-363. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to direct the Comptroller General to complete a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the federal reserve banks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 395

Whereas, Created more than a hundred years ago, the Federal Reserve is an independent federal agency. As leaders of the central bank of the United States, the Federal Reserve's board of governors have enacted monetary policy that influences our nation's money and credit conditions, supervised and regulated banks and other financial institutions, and provided financial services to the U.S. and foreign governments. Through these powers, and with the help of the federal reserve banks, this agency has considerable influence on the well-being of our nation's economy, the economy of the world, and the day-to-day lives of people everywhere; and

Whereas, American citizens have entrusted the Congress of the United States with overseeing all federal agencies, and Congress must hold the Federal Reserve accountable. However, under the current law, the Comptroller General may audit the Federal Reserve only if written consent has been given, and even then, the purview of audits of the board of governors and federal reserve banks is limited. Under the direction of the Comptroller General, any General Accountability Office audit is prohibited by law from auditing the board or federal reserve banks' transaction history with foreign nations or information related to monetary policy decisions, including discount window operations, open market operations, securities credit, and interest on deposits; and

Whereas, The American public should receive the accountability and transparency they deserve from their government. Providing the Comptroller General the authority and directive to thoroughly audit the Federal Reserve will allow for better oversight and lift the cloak of secrecy off this highly-profitable and influential government institution. Congress must take the actions necessary to fulfill its oversight responsibility: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to direct the Comptroller General to complete a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the federal reserve banks; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2946. A bill to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-286).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 2520, A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act (Rept. No. 113-287).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 429. A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to

improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 1014. A bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2022. A bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes.

S. 2094. A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

S. 2482. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 2484. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2485. A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2777. A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2987. A bill to expand the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2988. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish a Federal regulatory budget and to impose cost controls on that budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2989. A bill to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. Res. 595. A resolution recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 2176

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2176, a bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for

liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2660

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2660, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes.

S. 2723

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2723, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit.

S. 2964

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2964, a bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 38

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Warren Weinstein should be returned home to his family.

SENATE RESOLUTION 578

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 578, a resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR,

Ordered, That the following committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 8, 2014, immediately following the first vote of the day, in room S-219 of the Capitol Building.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the

House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5759. An act to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief.

H.R. 5771. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, Monday, December 8, 2014, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 2040. An act to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 43. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office".

H.R. 669. An act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

H.R. 1391. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3375. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

H.R. 3682. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the "Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 3957. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield

Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4189. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4443. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building".

H.R. 4919. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4924. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona.

H.R. 5069. An act to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building".

H.R. 5681. An act to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes.

At 3:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979.

The message further announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 6:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 4812. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5108. An act to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

OBECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 1352

Mr. TESTER asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1352) to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

FOIA IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. LEAHY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2520) to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived, Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 3, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 3, 2014,

The Senate proceed to a further period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

FEDERAL INFORMATION
SECURITY MODERNIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2521) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3975, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY
LEADER
FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER
FOUNDATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-702, had appointed the following individual to the board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation: Peter Kraus, of Texas.

NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES
LIVES REAUTHORIZATION ACT

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1281) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on June 25, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. PAUL) to amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 3976).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED;
CERTAIN BILLS PASSED, EN BLOC

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

H.R. 78. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building";

H.R. 1707. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 2112. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 2223. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building";

H.R. 2678. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building";

H.R. 3534. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 4939. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the "Neil Havens Post Office";

H.R. 5030. Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the "Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building."

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to consider the bills, en bloc; that the bills be read the third time, and passed; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5759) to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

HOUSE BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. REID objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

VENEZUELA DEFENSE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2142) to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments to the bill.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Mr. MENENDEZ) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3974, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., as pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

Ordered further, That, on tomorrow, the Senate recess from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 7:45 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Reverend Claude Pomerleau, Congregation of Holy Cross Priests in Portland, Oregon, offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5759) to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

HOUSE BILL READ THE SECOND
TIME AND PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. REID objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

AVIATION SECURITY
STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION
ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1204) to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3977, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. REID (for Ms. AYOTTE) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3978, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to a period for the transaction of morning business.

Pending debate,

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Program" (Rept. No. 113-288). Additional and minority views filed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2990. A bill to establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2991. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Nation's fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2992. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 209

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 209, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to rescind funds made available to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency if the Administrator fails to meet certain deadlines.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr.

BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1861

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1861, a bill to save taxpayer money and end bailouts of financial institutions by providing for a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, a bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information.

S. 2689

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. NELSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2689, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 2807

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2807, a bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2898

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2898, a bill to provide consumer protections for students.

S. 2911

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2911, a bill to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other purposes.

S. 2930

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. DONNELLY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2930, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2946, a bill to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high

priority developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2965

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2965, a bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone.

S. 2971

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] were added as cosponsors of S. 2971, a bill to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 2975

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2975, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 413

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 413, a resolution recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on December 9, 2014, at 6 p.m., in room S-216 of the Capitol Building.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Social Security: Is a Key Foundation of Economic Security Working for Women?"

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2014, at 2 p.m., to

conduct a hearing entitled “Authorization for the use of Military Force Against ISIL.”

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Campus Sexual Assault: The Roles and Responsibilities of Law Enforcement.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE
CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND
HUMAN RIGHTS

The Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The State of Civil and Human Rights in the United States.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING,
TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2014, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Inequality, Opportunity, and the Housing Market.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS,
HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY, AND
GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., to hold an International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues subcommittee hearing entitled “ISIL's Reign of Terror: Confronting the Growing Humanitarian Crisis in Iraq and Syria.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 229. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

S. 1434. An act to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General

Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

S. 2921. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the “Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic”.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2901. An act to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes.

At 3:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5462. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 579. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 4030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4926. An act to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway”.

H.R. 5146. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 5385. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”.

H.R. 5562. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the “Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5687. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office”.

H.R. 5794. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office”.

At 4:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 229. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

S. 1434. An act to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

S. 2673. An act to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 2917. An act to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

S. 2921. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the “Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic”.

H.R. 2366. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

H.R. 5739. An act to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 105. Joint Resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

At 6:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 78. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the “George Thomas ‘Mickey’ Leland Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1707. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2112. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 2223. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building".

H.R. 2678. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building".

H.R. 3534. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4939. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the "Neil Havens Post Office".

H.R. 5030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the "Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 579. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5146. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5385. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5562. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the "Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5687. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5794. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MOTION TO BRING TO A CLOSE DEBATE ON NOMINATION OF VIRGINIA TYLER LODGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER in the chair) laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 3, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The Presiding Officer stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 3, 2014,

The question being taken.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 63, nays 32, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 318]

YEAS—63

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Sanders, Schatz, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS—32

Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Crapo, Enzi, Fischer, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Thune, Toomey, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 3, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to a further period for the transaction of morning business, for only debate, until 6 p.m.

Pending debate,

ORDER FOR RECESS ON TODAY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ordered, That the order for recess on today be modified such that the recess occur at 1:05 p.m. on today.

ALASKA SAFE FAMILIES AND VILLAGES ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1474) to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BEGICH,

Ordered, That the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. BEGICH to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3981, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mr. BEGICH, so as to read: "A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes."

RECESS

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, as modified,

At 1:11 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP in the chair) declared the Senate recessed until 2 p.m.

AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN in the chair) called the Senate to order.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, following the vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination of Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Senate proceed to consider the nominations of Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of India; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order, without intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2640

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill (S. 2640) to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The hour of 6 p.m. having passed, Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 3, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today, The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 3979:

HARRY REID, CARL LEVIN, BRIAN SCHATZ, MARTIN HEINRICH, JOHN E. WALSH, PATTY MURRAY, JACK REED, TOM UDALL, S. WHITEHOUSE, AMY KLOBUCHAR, CHRIS COONS, DEBBIE STABENOW, ROBERT MENENDEZ, T.R. HARKIN, DICK DURBIN, CHUCK SCHUMER, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 3984).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to concur with amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "1 day," and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 3985).

On motion by Mr. REID to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 3986).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to refer.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 3986) contained in the pending motion to refer, at the appropriate place, by striking "3 days," and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 3987).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment by striking "4," and inserting "5" (being amendment No. 3988).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3988 to amendment No. 3987 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3986) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Armed Services.

REVISING TITLE 36 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1067) to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "DORIS MILLER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4199) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the "Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING 20 YEARS SINCE THE GENOCIDE IN RWANDA

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 413) recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. SCHATZ (for Mr. COONS) to amend the pending resolution on page 6, lines 14 and 15, by striking certain words and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3993).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. SCHATZ (for Mr. COONS) to amend the preamble by striking certain words and inserting other words (being amendment No. 3994).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

Ordered, That the Committee on Intelligence be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4681) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHATZ (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3995, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DENOUNCING THE USE OF CIVILIANS AS HUMAN SHIELDS BY HAMAS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 107) denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the concurrent resolution.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the accompanying preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the Committee, so as to read: "A concurrent resolution denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations."

BILL READ THE FIRST TIME

On the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2992) to amend title 10, United States Code, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes, introduced today by Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and at the desk; which was read the first time.

Mr. SCHATZ asked unanimous consent that the bill be read the second time.

Mr. SCHATZ objected.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would lie over awaiting its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHATZ,

At 8:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

Mr. EDWARD J. MARKEY, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. MARKEY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 10, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,

PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3988, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3987, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3986), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015 AND 2016

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2444) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 through 2016, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3997, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER), so as to read: "A bill to authorize appropriations for the

Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes."

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS INTEGRATION CENTER ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2519) to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. CARPER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 3999, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 4007) to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility and Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER for Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN) to insert, in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 4000, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2952) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. CARPER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4001, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, on motion by Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. CARPER), so as to read: "A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess the cybersecurity workforce of the Department of Homeland Security and develop a comprehensive workforce strategy, and for other purposes."

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3988 to amendment No. 3987 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3986), contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

FAA MODERNIZATION AND REFORM ACT AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2614) to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

Pending debate,

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Wednesday, December 10, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 229. A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1434. A bill to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

S. 2673. A bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 2917. A bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases.

S. 2921. A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the "Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 182. A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City (Rept. No. 113-289).

S. 398. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-290).

S. 776. A bill to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New

Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-291).

S. 841. A bill to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-292).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1328. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-293).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1419. A bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-294).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1750. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-295).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1971. A bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-296).

S. 2031. A bill to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-297).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2104. A bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National

Park System during the October 2013 shutdown (Rept. No. 113-298).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2379. A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-299).

S. 2602. A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington (Rept. No. 113-300).

S. 2873. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park System (Rept. No. 113-301).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 885. To expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-302).

H.R. 1241. A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-303).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 2094, A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel (Rept. No. 113-304).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1317. A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2993. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the determination of cohort default rates and provide for enhanced civil penalties, and to authorize the establishment of an institutional risk-sharing commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2994. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and

enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2995. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities that are seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet wastewater and stormwater obligations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2996. A bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2997. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. Res. 596. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for reconciliation in Indonesia and disclosure by the United States Government of events surrounding the mass killings during 1965-66; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 597. A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. COATS):

S. Res. 598. A resolution expressing condolences to the family of Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 287

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 287, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve assistance to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. HELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable

Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow public access to research of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 2047

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2047, a bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes.

S. 2084

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. HELLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2084, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2807

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2807, a bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2930

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ], the Senator from New York [Mrs. GILLIBRAND], the Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. AYOTTE] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] were added as cosponsors of S. 2930, a bill to direct the

Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mrs. BOXER,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Commodity Futures Trading Commission: Effective Enforcement and the Future of Derivatives Regulation."

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Enhancing Coordination To Protect the Financial Sector."

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Passenger Rail: Investing in our Nation's Future."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2014, at 10 a.m., room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a Subcommittee on African Affairs hearing entitled, "The Ebola Epidemic: The Keys to Success for the International Response."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on December 10, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on executive nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on December 10, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Keeping Families Together: The President's Executive Action On Immigration And The Need To Pass Comprehensive Reform."

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 2:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2759. An act to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1378. An act to designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the "John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center" and to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the "James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5059. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5086. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5185. An act to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.

H.R. 5701. An act to require that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of federally recognized tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5705. An act to modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council.

H.R. 5764. An act to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5781. An act to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California.

HOUSE BILLS REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5086. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5471. An act to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 5781. An act to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

DEATH IN CUSTODY REPORTING ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1447) to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the death of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

AMERICAN SAVINGS PROMOTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3374) to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SMART SAVINGS ACT

On the request of Mr. BENNET,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4193) to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "JAMES L. OBERSTAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"

On the request of Mr. BENNET,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4926) to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway", received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROPANE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

On the request of Mr. BENNET,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5705) to modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DIGNIFIED INTERMENT OF OUR VETERANS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2822) to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ABDUL-RAHMAN PETER KASSIG

On the request of Mr. BENNET,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 598) expressing condolences to the family of Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, submitted today by Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. COATS), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BILL READ THE SECOND TIME AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Senate having convened following an adjournment,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 2992) to amend title 10, United States Code, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed in trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes, introduced on yesterday by

Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and read the first time; which was read the second time.

Mr. BENNET objected to the further proceedings on the bill.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated that, pursuant to the provisions of rule XIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the bill would be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF TRIBUTES AS SENATE DOCUMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That a compilation of tributes to retiring Senators from the Congressional Record be printed as a Senate document; and that Senators be authorized to submit tributes to retiring Senators until Thursday, December 23, 2014.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED; HOUSE BILL RE-REFERRED

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5471) to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. BENNET,

At 7:55 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m., the Rabbi Israel Zoberman, Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WALSH in the chair) laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3988, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3987, proposed by Mr. REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3986), contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2992

Mrs. GILLIBRAND asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate to proceed to consider the bill (S. 2992) to amend title 10, United States Code, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for

other purposes; that there be 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate thereon between proponents and opponents thereof; that no amendment, motion, or point of order be in order; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass.

Mr. INHOFE objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3988 to amendment No. 3987 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 3986), contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Armed Services.

Pending debate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, to bring to a close debate on the motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 3979.

Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, December 9, 2014,

The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDING OFFICER stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 85, nays... 14

[Rollcall Vote No. 322 Leg.]

YEAS --- 85

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 14

Coburn, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Gillibrand, Lee, Merkley, Moran, Paul, Risch, Rubio, Sanders, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The pending motion to refer the House message on bill H.R. 3979 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions (designated amendment No. 3986), and amendments Numbered 3987 and 3988 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985 to amendment No. 3984 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

UKRAINE FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2828) to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments to the bill.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the reported amendments be withdrawn.

The question being on passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4092, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF YELLOW CREEK PORT PROPERTIES

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3044) to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

SAFE AND SECURE DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2785) to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ENHANCING THE ABILITY OF COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO FOSTER ECONOMIC GROWTH

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3329) to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. DURBIN for Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. WARNER) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4093, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CREDIT UNION SHARE INSURANCE FUND PARITY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill

(H.R. 3468) to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985 to amendment No. 3984 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
DONATION REFORM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. MERKLEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2640) to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. MERKLEY to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4094, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985 to amendment No. 3984 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF
TERRORISM ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. SCHUMER,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1535) to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) to insert in lieu of the language proposed to be inserted by the pending reported amendment (in that nature of a substitute), other words (being amendment No. 4096, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was considered made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985 to amendment No. 3984 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT
ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. KING,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1353) to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. KING for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE) to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4097, in the nature of a substitute).

The amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985 to amendment No. 3984 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 130) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on today, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the joint resolution.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution; and

No amendment being proposed,

The joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR FURTHER
CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE
MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 3979 ON
TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, at 12 noon on tomorrow, time for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 3979 be concluded; that, notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, it be in order for Mr. COBURN to move to refer the House message; that there be three hours for debate; that Mr. COBURN and Mr. REID, or their designees, each control one hour therein; that Ms. MURKOWSKI and Mr. INHOFE, or their designees, each control 30 minutes therein; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote in relation to said motion to refer; that

the motion receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to; that, if said motion is not agreed to, Mr. COBURN be recognized to make a motion; that, following disposition of said motion, the pending motion to concur with amendment No. 3984 be withdrawn; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur; that motions to waive and motions to table be in order; that no other motion be in order; and that the motion to concur receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to be agreed to.

Ordered further, That, if said motion to concur is agreed to, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolutions (H. Con. Res. 121) providing for a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979 and (H. Con. Res. 123) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979; that the concurrent resolutions be agreed to; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TOMORROW

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the House message on bill H.R. 3979 on tomorrow, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Mark Gilbert, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to New Zealand, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Iceland, David Nathan Saperstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Palau, Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Malawi, Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Michael W. Kempner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015, Leon Aron, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of

Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2016; that there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations, in the aforementioned order, with no intervening action or debate; that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration; that, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no other motion be in order to the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; and that the Senate resume its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985 to amendment No. 3984 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pending debate,

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8083. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Response to the Government Accountability Office B-321387 relative to Antideficiency Act violations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8084. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions; Technical Amendment" ((RIN0579-AD83)(Docket No. APHIS-2011-0101)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8085. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8086. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management), Department of the Army, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8087. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8088. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AG39), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8089. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Existing Validated End-User Authorization in the People's Republic of China: Lam Research Service Co., Ltd." (RIN0694-AG36), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8090. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices; Technical Amendments" (RIN3133-AE42), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8091. A communication from the Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Financial Research's 2014 Annual Report to Congress;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8092. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Recovery of Threatened and Endangered Species Fiscal Years 2011-2012"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8093. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Commercial Clothes Washers" ((RIN1904-AC93)(Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0002)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8094. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safe Harbor Explanations--Eligible Rollover Distributions" (Notice 2014-74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8095. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 2015-7), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8096. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Tier 2 Tax Rates 2015" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8097. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Realignment of Technical Work between the Tax Exempt and the Government Entities Division of Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt and Government Entities)" (Announcement 2014-34), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8098. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2015 Section 1274A CPI Adjustments" (Rev. Rul. 2014-30),

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8099. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0162 - 2014-0176); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8100. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Content and Format of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products; Requirements for Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling" ((RIN0910-AF11)(Docket No. FDA-2006-N-0515; formerly Docket No. 2006N-0467)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 8, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8101. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification of Fiscal Year 2015 Total Local Source General Fund Revenue Estimate (Net of Dedicated Taxes) in Support of the District's Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Series 2014C and 2014D)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8102. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8103. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8104. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Railroad Retirement Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2014, including the Office of Inspector General's Auditor's Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8105. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period of April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8106. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8107. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Response and Report on Final Action for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8108. A joint communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8109. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8110. A communication from the Special Counsel, United States Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Special Counsel's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8111. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Rough Rock, Arizona)" ((MB Docket No. 14-46)-(DA 14-1334)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8112. A communication from the Departmental Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Information, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Regulations; Correction" (RIN0605-AA33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8113. A communication from the Departmental Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Information, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Regulations" (RIN0605-AA33), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8114. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Elizabeth River; Portsmouth, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0693)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8115. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; University of Cincinnati Bearcats Football Fireworks; Ohio River, Mile 470.4-470.8; Cincinnati, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0419)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8116. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Natchez Specialties New Year's Eve Firework Display, Lower Mississippi River, Mile Marker, (MM) 363.5 to 364.5" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0242)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8117. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Carquinez Strait Cable Repair Operation, Martinez, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0950)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8118. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area, Lake Michigan; Chicago Harbor Lock, Chicago, IL to Calumet Harbor, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0592)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8119. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Darby Creek, Essington, PA" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0367)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8120. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Inland Navigation Rules, Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-AB88)(Docket No. USCG-2012-0102)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8121. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Wireless Telecommunications Commission, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2004 and 2006 Biennial Regulatory Reviews -- Streamlining and Other Revisions of Parts 1 and 17 of the Commission's Rules Governing Construction, Marking and Lighting of Antenna Structures; Amendments to Modernize and Clarify Part 17 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Construction, Marking and Lighting of Antenna Structures" ((WT Docket No. 10-88; RM 11349)(FCC 14-117)), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8122. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (SRQ); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8123. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pier Removal, WI Central Railroad Bridge, Fox River, Green Bay, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0902)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8124. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Salvage Operations, Lake Michigan, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0980)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8125. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River between mile 44 and 46; Thebes, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0878)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8126. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River between mile 38.0 and 46.0, Thebes IL; and between mile 78.0 and 81.0, Grand Tower, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0907)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8127. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Salvage Operations, Chicago River, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0951)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8128. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; USCGC Hamilton Commissioning Ceremony, Charleston Harbor, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA87)(Docket No. USCG-2014-0698)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8129. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Framework Amendment 1" (RIN0648-BE31), received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8130. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Framework Action" (RIN0648-BD58), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8131. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Effort Limits in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2014" (RIN0648-BD94), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8132. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) Benefits Program" (RIN2900-AO17), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8133. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9919-69), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8134. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "C.I. Pigment Yellow 1; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9919-40), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8135. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diisopropanolamine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9919-34), received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8136. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alpha-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9919-88), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8137. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Deletion of Certification Requirement Regarding Separation of Duties of Senior Leaders" ((RIN0750-AI48)(DFARS Case 2015-D003)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8138. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Foreign Commercial Satellite Services" ((RIN0750-AI32)(DFARS Case 2014-D010)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8139. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: State Sponsors of Terrorism" ((RIN0750-AI34)(DFARS Case 2015-D014)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8140. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Update Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) Code Information" ((RIN0750-AI44)(DFARS Case 2014-D013)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8141. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Elimination of Quarterly Reporting of Actual Performance Outside the United States" ((RIN0750-AI47)-(DFARS Case 2015-D001)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8142. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Animal Welfare" ((RIN0750-AI22)(DFARS Case 2015-D038)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8143. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Use of Military Construction Funds in Countries Bordering the Arabian Sea" ((RIN0750-AI33)(DFARS Case 2015-D016)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8144. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Forward Pricing Rate Proposal Adequacy Checklist" ((RIN0750-AH86)(DFARS Case 2015-D035)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8145. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report entitled "Report to the Congress: Expansion of the Microprocessor Military End Use and End User Control"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8146. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Retirement Savings Bonds" (31 CFR Part 347), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8147. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8148. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8149. A communication from the Federal Register Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Price Index Adjustments of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 Limit of Liability for Offshore Facilities" (RIN1010-AD87), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8150. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. ND-052-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2012-0021)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8151. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Nitrogen Oxide Combustion Turbine Alternative Control Requirements for the Milwaukee-Racine Former Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9920-20-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8152. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9919-76-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8153. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Open Burning Rule" (FRL No. 9920-15-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8154. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of Lake and Porter Counties to Attainment of the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9920-14-Region 5), received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on December 9, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8155. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. NELSON, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Fighting Fraud: Lessons Learned from the Senate Aging Committee's Consumer Hotline" (Rept. No. 113-305).

By Mr. NELSON, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Benefit: Increasing Use and Access of Affordable Prescription Drugs" (Rept. No. 113-306).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1784. A bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-307).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1463. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species (Rept. No. 113-308).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

H.R. 4573. A bill to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 595. A resolution recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to

ensure the right of all children to an education.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 597. A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS day.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. 2922. A bill to reinstate reporting requirements related to United States-Hong Kong relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Warren Weinstein should be returned home to his family.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2998. A bill to allow for the portability of funds under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2999. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3000. A bill to establish the Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 3001. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3002. A bill to control the spread of aquatic invasive species between the Great Lakes basin and the Mississippi River basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 3003. A bill to protect the Social Security Disability Insurance program and provide other support for working disabled

Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 3004. A bill to promote the development of meaningful treatments for patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 3005. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a progressive consumption tax and to reform the income tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 3006. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3007. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 3008. A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The following Senate resolution was submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 599. A resolution recognizing the 100-year anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern Pennsylvania; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to

amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Ms. STABENOW] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. WHITEHOUSE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2828, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2930

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Texas [Mr. CORNYN], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. FLAKE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2930, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2941

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. KIRK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2941, a bill to combat human trafficking.

S. 2990

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2990, a bill to establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 595

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 595, a resolution recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 597

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. ISAKSON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 597, a resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS day.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. DURBIN,

Ordered, That the following committees be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2014, in room S-219 of the Capitol Building.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hold a joint hearing entitled "Oversight of the Implementation of the President's Executive Order on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security."

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2014, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on December 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2244. An act to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1204) to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant

Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2719) to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4681) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the preamble of the resolution (H. Con. Res. 107) denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law, also, that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the concurrent resolution, further, that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the concurrent resolution.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1000. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1683. An act to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 1691. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rate of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 2142. An act to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

S. 2270. An act to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2444. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

S. 2521. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security.

S. 2651. An act to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5656. An act to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote sustainable agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5810. An act to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act.

H.R. 5816. An act to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 123. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979.

H. Con. Res. 124. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5771.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 306(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for a term of 4 years: Dr. Vickie M. Mays of Los Angeles, California.

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2519. An act to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5742. An act to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA-20139 and CA-22901, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1281) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

At 10:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the

following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 130. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 83.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 10:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1000. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1683. An act to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 1691. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rate of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 2142. An act to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

S. 2270. An act to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2444. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

S. 2519. An act to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity.

S. 2521. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security.

S. 2651. An act to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

S. 2759. An act to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use,

encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport.

H.R. 1067. An act to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.

H.R. 1204. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1281. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

H.R. 1447. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2952. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess the cybersecurity workforce of the Department of Homeland Security and develop a comprehensive workforce strategy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3044. An act to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi.

H.R. 3374. An act to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3468. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4007. An act to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

H.R. 4193. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4199. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the "Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 4681. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4926. An act to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway".

H.R. 5705. An act to modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council.

At 11:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 130. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED
The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. PRYOR).

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4573. An act to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

DESIGNATING THE "MICHAEL D. RESNICK TERRORIST SCREENING CENTER"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3096) to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the "Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNER ANABOLIC STEROID CONTROL ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4771) to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EPS SERVICE PARTS ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5057) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

FORECLOSURE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FOR SERVICEMEMBERS ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (S. 3008) to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes, introduced on today by Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and at the desk; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY REAUTHORIZATION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2338) to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY IMPROVEMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 2983) to allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall of United States Merchant Marine Academy after gift by United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc., for renovation of such hall and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the resolution (S. Res. 599) recognizing the 100-year anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern Pennsylvania, submitted today by Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY), and at the desk.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and to the accompanying preamble.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON VITAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 104-191, had reappointed the following individual to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for a four-year term: Dr. Raj Chanderraj, of Nevada.

APPOINTMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR REVIEW BOARD

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, had appointed the following individuals as members of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Michael Halley, of Nevada, and Al Gillespie, of Nevada.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from today until tomorrow, he be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 11:30 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate its unfinished business, viz, the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 3984, proposed by Mr. REID, contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Under the authority of the order of yesterday,

On motion by Mr. COBURN to refer the House message on bill H.R. 3979 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with changes, striking title XXX.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

Pending debate,

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL S. 2113

Mr. COBURN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 2113) to provide taxpayers with an annual

report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as thus amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be made and laid on the table.

Mr. REID objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to refer the House message on bill H.R. 3979 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with changes, striking title XXX.

Mr. LEE asked unanimous consent that the pending amendments and motion be laid aside; and that it be in order for him to propose an amendment (Numbered 3996).

Mr. LEVIN objected.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to refer the House message on bill H.R. 3979 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with changes, striking title XXX.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 4329

Ms. HIRONO asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4329) to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; that the Senate immediately proceed to consider the bill; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action of debate.

After debate,

Mr. LEE objected.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 3979

The Senate resumed consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 3979.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to refer the House message on bill H.R. 3979 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with changes, striking title XXX.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Time for debate, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on the motion to concur, was concluded.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to refer.

On motion by Mr. LEVIN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the negative---
yeas... 18, nays... 82

[Rollcall Vote No. 323 Leg.]

YEAS --- 18

Blunt, Boozman, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Corker, Cruz, Grassley, Johnson (WI), Lee, McConnell, Moran, Paul, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 82

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Crapo, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Risch, Roberts, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 3985 to amendment No. 3984 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mr. COBURN to suspend provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for the purposes of proposing and considering his amendment (Numbered 4098).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WALSH in the chair) stated that, pursuant to the precedent of October 6, 2011, such a motion is dilatory pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

From a decision of the Chair,

Mr. REID appealed to the Senate.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

On motion by Mr. COBURN,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending appeal.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 55, nays... 45

[Rollcall Vote No. 324 Leg.]

YEAS --- 55

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar,

Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 45

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So on appeal,

The decision of the Chair stands as the judgment of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The motion, by Mr. REID, that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill with an amendment (Numbered 3984) was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 3985 thereto).

The question then being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

On motion by Mr. BEGICH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 89, nays... 11

[Rollcall Vote No. 325 Leg.]

YEAS --- 89

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coats, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Portman, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Schatz, Schumer, Scott, Sessions, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker.

NAYS --- 11

Brown, Crapo, Cruz, Gillibrand, Lee, Merkley, Moran, Paul, Risch, Sanders, Wyden.

So the motion was agreed to.

The motion to concur having been agreed to,

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT
OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 3979

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The concurrent resolutions (H. Con. Res. 121) providing for a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979 and (H. Con. Res. 123) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979 were agreed to.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

Motions to reconsider were considered made and laid on the table.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL H.R. 5771

Mr. McCONNELL asked unanimous consent that, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yeas votes to pass.

After debate,

Mr. REID objected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 83

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the amendment (in the nature of a substitute), received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House of Representatives to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill.

Mr. REID presented a motion to bring to a close debate on the pending motion to concur; which was stated, as follows:

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 83:

HARRY REID, B.A. MIKULSKI, BRIAN SCHATZ, BEN CARDIN, MARTIN HEINRICH, JOHN E. WALSH, DICK DURBIN, TOM CARPER, PATTY MURRAY, TIM JOHNSON, ANGUS KING, MARK R. WARNER, TOM UDALL, DIANNE FEINSTEIN, BILL NELSON, MARK PRYOR, TAMMY BALDWIN.

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived.

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate concur in the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the House to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) of the Senate to the bill, with an amendment (Numbered 4100).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to concur with amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, at the appropriate place, by striking "1 day" and inserting "2 days" (being amendment No. 4101).

On motion by Mr. REID to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (Numbered 4102).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion to refer.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the instructions (designated amendment No. 4102), at the appropriate place, by striking "3 days" and inserting "4 days" (being amendment No. 4103).

On motion by Mr. REID,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending amendment.

On motion by Mr. REID to amend the pending amendment, by striking "4" and inserting "5" (being amendment No. 4104).

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 4104 to amendment No. 4103 to the instructions (designated

amendment No. 4102) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pending debate,

Mr. CRUZ raised a point of order, viz, that Division L of the bill violates Article I, section 1, Article II, section 1, Article I, section 8, and Article II, section 3 of the U.S. Constitution, and therefore is not in order.

Whereupon,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN in the chair) stated that a motion to refer is pending, therefore barring other actions on the measure.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 4104 to amendment No. 4103 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 4102) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. REID asked unanimous consent that, at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the Senate amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to bill H.R. 83; and that, if said motion is agreed to, there be 30 minutes remaining for debate, pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Mr. LEE objected.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 4104 to amendment No. 4103 to the instructions (designated amendment No. 4102) contained in the motion to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The following morning business occurred on today.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Friday, December 12, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1000. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1683. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 1691. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 2142. A bill to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in

Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

S. 2270. A bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2444. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

S. 2519. A bill to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity.

S. 2521. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security.

S. 2651. A bill to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

S. 2759. A bill to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8156. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Paul J. Bushong, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8157. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluopyram; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9918-99), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8158. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Natamycin; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9919-35), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8159. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Securities Act Regulations: Large Position Reporting Rules" (31 CFR Part 420), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8160. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Housing Trust Fund" (RIN2590-AA73), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8161. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension for Deadline to Submit Option and Advisory Letter Applications for Pre-approved Defined Benefit Plans" (Announcement 2014-41), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8162. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2014-78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8163. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2014 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements" (Notice 2014-77), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8164. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8165. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8166. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8167. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014, including the Office of Inspector General's Auditor's Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8168. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Museum's fiscal year 2014 Report on Audit and Investigative Activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8169. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8170. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8171. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Repeal of Lead Emission Rules for Stationary Sources in El Paso and Dallas County" (FRL No. 9920-34-Region 6), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8172. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9920-13-Region 5), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8173. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Baltimore, Maryland Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9920-41-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8174. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Maryland Portion of the Martinsburg-Hagerstown, WV-MD Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9920-42-Region 3), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8175. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Feather River Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9919-52-Region 9), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8176. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 9920-06-OSWER), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8177. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EPAAR Clause for Work Assignments" (FRL No. 9920-48-OARM), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8178. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethylene Glycol Ethers; Significant New Use Rule" ((RIN2070-AJ52)(FRL No. 9915-61)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8179. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD614), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8180. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Tribal Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 10 through No. 23" (RIN0648-XD425), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8181. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2014 Sub-Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Harvested for Management Area 1A" (RIN0648-XD570), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8182. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Dusky Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD630), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8183. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2014 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gray Triggerfish in the South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XD628), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8184. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Gulf of Maine Haddock Annual Catch Limit Revision" (RIN0648-BE45), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8185. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2014; Emergency Gulf of Maine Cod Management Measures" (RIN0648-BE56), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8186. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Migratory Species; Technical Amendment to Regulations" (RIN0648-BE54), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8187. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 14" (RIN0648-BD07), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8188. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Monitoring and Enforcement; At-Sea Scales Requirements" (RIN0648-BD90), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8189. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Modifications to Federal Fisheries Permits and Federal Processor Permits" (RIN0648-AX78), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8190. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Amendment 96 to the Gulf of Alaska Fishery Management Plan; Management of Community Quota

Entities" (RIN0648-BD74), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 2055. A bill to allow for the collection of certain user fees by non-Federal entities (Rept. No. 113-309).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 1014, A bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-310).

Report to accompany S. 2581, A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-311).

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2015" (Rept. No. 113-312).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Report to accompany S. 2922, A bill to reinstate reporting requirements related to United States-Hong Kong relations (Rept. No. 113-313).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 2482, A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-314).

Report to accompany S. 2484, A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-315).

Report to accompany S. 2485, A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007 (Rept. No. 113-316).

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 2442, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the

reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-317).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 2140, A bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (Rept. No. 113-318).

Report to accompany S. 429, A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products (Rept. No. 113-319).

Report to accompany S. 2022, A bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-320).

Report to accompany S. 2777, A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-321).

Report to accompany S. 2799, A bill to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-322).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3009. A bill to improve end-of-life care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 3010. A bill to improve the enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3011. A bill to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3012. A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 3013. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent manipulation of physical commodities prices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3014. A bill to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3015. A bill to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 3016. A bill to amend the Act of July 31, 1947, to provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3017. A bill to provide a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to allow the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the Forest Service to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate resolutions were submitted, read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 600. A resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 601. A resolution recognizing 35 years of cooperation in science and technology between the United States and the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2500

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2500, a bill to restrict the ability of the Federal Government to undermine privacy and encryption technology in commercial products and in NIST computer security and encryption standards.

S. 2529

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2529, a bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program

under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 2645

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2645, a bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 2839

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Ms. WARREN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2839, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

S. 2930

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2930, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2930, supra.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 11:16 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2640) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3329) to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1353. An act to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

S.1474. An act to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5859. An act to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

At 1 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2591. An act to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.

H.R. 5699. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5803. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.

At 5:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2338. An act to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 3008. An act to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 2952) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess the cybersecurity workforce of the Department of Homeland Security and develop a comprehensive workforce strategy, and for other purposes, with an amendment to the title.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4007) to recodify and

reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Medal of Valor Review Board: Mr. Brian Fengel of Bartonville, Illinois.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, December 12, 2014, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the SPEAKER of the House:

S. 1000. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1683. An act to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 1691. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rate of pay for border patrol agents.

S. 2142. An act to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

S. 2270. An act to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 2444. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

S. 2519. An act to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity.

S. 2521. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security.

S. 2651. An act to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

S. 2759. An act to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport.

H.R. 1067. An act to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep

the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.

H.R. 1204. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1281. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

H.R. 1447. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2719. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2952. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess the cybersecurity workforce of the Department of Homeland Security and develop a comprehensive workforce strategy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3044. An act to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi.

H.R. 3374. An act to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3468. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4007. An act to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

H.R. 4193. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4199. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the "Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 4681. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4926. An act to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway".

H.R. 5705. An act to modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council.

At 7:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one

of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 131. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.Con.Res. 125. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress.

At 7:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1353. An act to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

S. 1474. An act to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2640. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3096. An act to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the "Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center".

H.R. 3329. An act to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4771. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.

H.R. 5057. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 12 NOON ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 12 noon on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on bill H.R. 83.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

At 10:53 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 12 noon on tomorrow.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 noon, the Chaplain offered a prayer, and the PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED
WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE
AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 83

Pursuant to the order of yesterday,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate its pending business, viz, the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of action plans aimed at reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 4104, proposed by Mr. REID, to amendment No. 4103, proposed by Mr.

REID, to the instructions (designated amendment No. 4102) contained in the motion, by Mr. REID, to refer the pending House message to the Committee on Appropriations.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 48, nays... 35

[Rollcall Vote No. 327 Leg.]

YEAS --- 48

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 35

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. JOHANNIS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 329 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

OBJECTION TO DURATION OF ROLLCALL VOTES ON TODAY

Mr. REID, as in executive session, asked unanimous consent that the remaining votes be 10 minutes in duration.

Mr. CORNYN objected.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 331 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 40

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 333 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. MCCONNELL,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 335 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That the Chair lay before the Senate the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 131) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; and that the joint resolution be read twice, considered, read the third time.

The question being on passage of the joint resolution.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. RISCH,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 50, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 337 Leg.]

YEAS --- 50

Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.

Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Daniel J. Santos, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Ms. COLLINS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 52, nays... 41

[Rollcall Vote No. 339 Leg.]

YEAS --- 52

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 41

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. JOHANNIS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 341 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 343 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jonathan Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator to the United States Agency for International Development.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 345 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF
HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL H.R. 83

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, following the presentation of a motion to bring to a close debate on the question of confirmation of the nomination of Loretta Copeland Biggs, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, the Senate resume its legislative session; that the Senate then vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 83; that, if the motion is agreed to, there be two minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn; and that the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to bill H.R. 83.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. RUBIO,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative---
yeas... 53, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 347 Leg.]

YEAS --- 53

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. COATS,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 349 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham,

Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving one rollcall Vote).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Stephen R. Bough, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. TOOMEY,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 54, nays... 42

[Rollcall Vote No. 351 Leg.]

YEAS --- 54

Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Donnelly, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

NAYS --- 42

Alexander, Ayotte, Barrasso, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Graham, Grassley, Hatch, Heller, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (WI), Kirk, Lee, McCain, McConnell, Moran, Murkowski, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Toomey, Vitter, Wicker.

So the motion was agreed to.
Whereupon,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Jorge Luis Alonso, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Amit Priyavadan Mehta, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Allison Dale Burroughs, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of John Robert Blakey, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Amos L. Mazzant, III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert Lee Pitman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Robert William Schroeder III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Joan Marie Azrack, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Elizabeth K. Dillon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Loretta Copeland Biggs, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to; and

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO BILL H.R. 83

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the motion, presented by Mr. REID on yesterday, to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the amendment received from the House of Representatives for concurrence to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of action plans aimed at reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The quorum under the rule having been waived,

Pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore stated the question to be: Is it the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought to a close?

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 77, nays... 19

[Rollcall Vote No. 352 Leg.]

YEAS --- 77

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Boxer, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Fischer, Flake, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Markey, McCain, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

NAYS --- 19

Brown, Crapo, Cruz, Franken, Heller, Lee, Manchin, McCaskill, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Rubio, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Vitter, Warren.

So the motion was agreed to; three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative.

The motion having been agreed to,

The pending motion to refer the House message to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions (designated amendment No. 4102), and amendments Numbered 4103 and 4104 thereto, being inconsistent with cloture, fell.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 4101 to amendment No. 4100 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with an amendment.

Pending debate,

Mr. CRUZ raised a point of order, viz, that Division L of the pending House amendment to the Senate amendment to bill H.R. 83 violates the separation of powers in Article I, Section 1, and Article II Section 1, enumerated powers of Congress in Article I, Section 8, and executive provisions of Article II, Section 3, and therefore is not in order.

Under the practices of the Senate,

The PRESIDENT pro tempore submitted the question to the Senate for its decision, and stated the question to be: Is the point of order well-taken?

On motion by Mr. CRUZ,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the pending question.

The question being on the point of order raised.

After debate,

On the question, Is the point of order well-taken?

It was determined in the negative--- yeas... 22, nays... 74

[Rollcall Vote No. 353 Leg.]

YEAS --- 22

Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Crapo, Cruz, Fischer, Grassley, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Lee, Moran, Paul, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rubio, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Thune, Vitter.

NAYS --- 74

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Rockefeller, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Tester, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Warren, Whitehouse, Wicker, Wyden.

So the point of order was not well taken.

The question being on agreeing to amendment No. 4101 to amendment No. 4100 contained in the motion to concur, with an amendment, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The pending motion to concur with an amendment (Numbered 4100) was withdrawn (taking with it amendment No. 4101 thereto).

The question being on agreeing to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

On motion by Mr. WICKER,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the question of agreeing to the pending motion.

The question being taken.

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 56, nays... 40

[Rollcall Vote No. 354 Leg.]

YEAS --- 56

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blunt, Boozman, Burr, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coats, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Cornyn, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Fischer, Graham, Hagan, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hoeven, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Landrieu, Leahy, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Pryor, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Stabenow, Thune, Toomey, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Walsh, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 40

Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Corker, Crapo, Cruz, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Grassley, Harkin, Heller, Hirono, Johnson (WI), Klobuchar, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Moran, Paul,

Portman, Reed, Risch, Rubio, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, Shelby, Tester, Vitter, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

On motion by Ms. MIKULSKI to reconsider the vote agreeing to the motion.

On motion by Mr. REID,

The motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL H.R. 83

On the request of Mr. REID,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH in the chair) laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 122) providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 83, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, December 11, 2014, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

ORDER FOR ACTION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the quorum under the rule be waived with respect to the motions to bring to a close debate presented on nominations on today.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 47. An original joint resolution to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Rept. No. 113-323).

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT
RESOLUTION

The following joint resolution was introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S.J. Res. 47. An original joint resolution to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore announced that on today, December 13, 2014, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the SPEAKER pro tempore of the House (Mr. WOLF):

S. 1353. An act to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

S. 1474. An act to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2640. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3096. An act to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the "Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center".

H.R. 3329. An act to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4771. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.

H.R. 5057. An act to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes.

At 5:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 131. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The joint resolution was subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

ORDER RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, be withdrawn.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on Monday, December 15, 2014, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, Daniel J. Santos, Frank A. Rose, Sarah R. Saldana, and Antony Blinken; that, at 4:30 p.m., there be one hour, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy; that, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on said nomination; that, if the motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That, following disposition of said nomination, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motions to bring to a close debate on the nominations of Daniel J. Santos and Frank A. Rose; that, if a motion is agreed to, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session; that time for debate on the nominations, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of confirmation of the nominations in the aforementioned order.

Ordered further, That, at 2:30 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That the time from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; that, at 6 p.m., the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Antony Blinken; that, if said motion is agreed to, time for debate, pursuant to resolution S. Res. 15, 113th Congress, be concluded; and that the Senate then vote on the question of confirmation of the nomination.

Ordered further, That, if a nomination is confirmed, a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motion be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

FAA MODERNIZATION AND
REFORM ACT AMENDMENTS

On the request of Mr. WALSH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2591) to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

UKRAINE FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

On the request of Mr. WALSH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5859) to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on yesterday, and remaining

undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILL H.R. 3979

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

Ordered, That Mr. LEVIN be authorized to sign the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014, AND FOR PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014; that, on Monday next, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session, pursuant to the order of today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

At 11:42 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

Mr. JOE DONNELLY, from the State of Indiana, called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and Mr. DONNELLY led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Legislative Clerk read the following communication from the PRESIDENT pro tempore:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 15, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOE DONNELLY, a Senator from the State of Indiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Mr. DONNELLY took the chair.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, December 13, 2014,

The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, December 13, 2014,

The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 5771

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, December 13, 2014,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving four rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred).

COLLECTIBLE COIN PROTECTION ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2754) to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

REVISING THE BOUNDARIES OF CERTAIN JOHN H. CHAFEE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM UNITS

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WALSH in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3572) to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PERMANENT ELECTRONIC DUCK STAMP ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 1206) to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "JOHN RHOADES FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER" AND "JAMES M. CARTER AND JUDITH N. KEEP UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 1378) to designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the "John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center" and to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the "James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse," received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MAY 31, 1918 ACT REPEAL ACT

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5050) to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EARLY ACT REAUTHORIZATION

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5185) to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,
The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

On the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5816) to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, December 11, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WITH ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO TARGET EXTRATERRITORIAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITY

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 706) to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE DISCHARGED;
CERTAIN BILLS PASSED, EN BLOC
By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be

discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

H.R. 3027. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Barry M. Goldwater Post Office";

H.R. 4416. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the "Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building";

H.R. 4651. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas, as the "Specialist Keith Erin Grace, Jr. Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 5331. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the "Colonel M.J. 'Mac' Dube, USMC Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 5562. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the "Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building."

Ordered further, That the Senate proceed to consider the bills, en bloc; that the bills be read the third time, and passed, en bloc; and that motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

VETERANS TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4276) to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD POST OFFICE"

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. CARPER,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5687) to designate the facility

of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office."

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 5059

Mr. BLUMENTHAL, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5059) to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. COBURN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 2126

Mr. PORTMAN, as in legislative session, asked that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2126) to facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings, and for other purposes; that the Senate proceed to immediately consider the bill; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. COBURN objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, Monday, December 15, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1353. A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

S. 1474. A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8191. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Food and Drug Administration's annual report on the performance evaluation of FDA-approved mammography quality standards accreditation bodies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8192. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations" (Docket No. FDA-2000-N-0011, formerly Docket No. 2000N-1596), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8193. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8194. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-79; Introduction" (FAC 2005-

79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8195. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors" ((RIN9000-AM82)(FAC 2005-79)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8196. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations" ((RIN9000-AM70)(FAC 2005-79)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8197. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-79; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-79), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8198. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David H. Buss, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8199. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Response to the Government Accountability Office report relative to detainee transfers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8200. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; English Station Emergency Environmental Response; Mill River; New Haven, CT" ((RIN1625-AA00)-(Docket No. USCG-2014-0917)), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8201. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's tenth annual report on ethanol market concentration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 2762

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] and the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 2762, a bill to prevent future propane shortages, and for other purposes.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of the nomination of Frank A. Rose, there be three hours, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate on the motion to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Sarah Saldana; that the time from 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on tomorrow be equally divided and controlled in the usual form for debate; and that all remaining provisions of the order of Saturday, December 13, 2014 remain in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

**SECURITY CLEARANCE
ACCOUNTABILITY, REFORM, AND
ENHANCEMENT ACT**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1744) to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

The title was amended, as reported by the Committee, so as to read: "A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for position designation, and for other purposes."

**SENATOR PAUL SIMON WATER
FOR THE WORLD ACT**

On the request of Mr. WALSH,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 2901) to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**ENACTING "NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE AND RELATED
PROGRAMS"**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1068) enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park Service and Related Programs," as positive law.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**BOYS TOWN CENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Baking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2866) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

On motion by Mr. WALSH (for Mr. JOHANNES) to amend the pending bill on page 7, by striking lines 8 through 10, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4120).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

**ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 10 A.M. ON TOMORROW,
AND FOR PROGRAM**

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on tomorrow; that, on tomorrow, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved; and that, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session, pursuant to the order of Saturday, December 13, 2014, as modified on today.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. WALSH,

At 8:09 p.m.,

The Senate adjourned, under its order of today, until 10 a.m. on tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

The PRESIDENT pro tempore called the Senate to order at 10 a.m., the Chaplain offered a prayer, and PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of

Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE JOURNAL

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The Journal of the proceedings of the Senate was deemed approved to date.

CERTAIN PROCEDURES DISPENSED WITH

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, The morning hour being deemed expired, and the times for the recognition of the two leaders being reserved.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER BILL H.R. 5771

On motion by Mr. REID that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of Saturday, December 13, 2014, as modified,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving five rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred).

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF BILL H.R. 5771

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in legislative session,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding cloture having been invoked on the nomination of Collette Dodson Honorable, the Senate resume its legislative session; that the Senate then proceed to consider bill H.R. 5771; that there be 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees; that, upon conclusion of debate, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate then vote on passage of the bill; that the bill receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to pass; and that no amendment, motion, or point of order be in order thereto prior to the vote.

Ordered further, That, if the bill is passed, the Senate proceed to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 124) providing for a correction in the enrollment of bill H.R. 5771; and that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

Whereupon,

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Senate resumed its legislative session.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

As in executive session,

Ordered, That, upon disposition of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 124, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable.

TAX INCREASE PREVENTION ACT

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DONNELLY in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, and for other purposes; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The question being on passage of the bill.

After debate,

The bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. BURR,

The yeas and nays, being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, were ordered on the passage of the bill.

On the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the affirmative--- yeas... 76, nays... 16

[Rollcall Vote No. 364 Leg.]

YEAS --- 76

Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boozman, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Levin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, McConnell, Menendez, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, Murphy, Murray, Nelson, Paul, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Rubio, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Shelby, Stabenow, Tester, Thune, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Vitter, Walsh, Warner, Wicker.

NAYS --- 16

Bennet, Brown, Coats, Coburn, Crapo, Flake, Leahy, Manchin, Merkley, Portman, Risch, Scott, Toomey, Warren, Whitehouse, Wyden.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do pass (the bill having received 60 yea votes, as pursuant to the order of today).

CORRECTING THE ENROLLMENT OF BILL H.R. 5771

Pursuant to the order of today,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 124) providing for a correction in the enrollment of bill H.R. 5771, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Thursday, December 11, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to the order of today,

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the order of today,

The Senate proceeded to executive session; and after the consideration of executive business (involving two rollcall Votes, during which the following occurred).

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE MESSAGE ON BILL S. 2244

Mr. REID, as in legislative session, asked unanimous consent that the Senate resume its legislative session to proceed to consider the House message on the bill (S. 2244) to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes; that the majority leader be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill; that there be 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the two leaders, or their designees, thereon; that, upon conclusion of debate, the Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the motion to concur; that no motion to concur with an amendment or motion to refer be in order prior to the vote; and that the motion to concur receive a minimum of 60 yea votes to be agreed to.

After debate,

Mr. COBURN objected.

TRANSACTION OF MORNING BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. REID,

Ordered, That, effective immediately, the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each therein.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-364. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan requesting the Congress of the United States to prohibit the U.S. Postal Service from closing or consolidating the mail processing and distribution center in Lansing, Michigan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 189

Whereas, On January 5, 2015, the United States Postal Service plans to close or

consolidate the mail processing and distribution center (P&DC) on Collins Road in Lansing; and

Whereas, This plan would severely delay mail delivery; and

Whereas, The delay of mail would negatively affect residents and local businesses and harm the community; and

Whereas, The closure is not in the public's best interest and depends on a degradation of service standards that would result in the virtual elimination of overnight mail delivery throughout the country; and

Whereas, According to 39 USC 101(a), federal law stipulates: "The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities." Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby urge congressional intervention to stop the proposal to close or consolidate the Lansing mail processing and distribution center which will cause the delay of mail and elimination of overnight delivery of first-class mail; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-365. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan memorializing the Congress of the United States to stop the U.S. Postal Service from closing and consolidating the mail processing and distribution center in Kingsford, Michigan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

Whereas, The United States Postal Service plans to close the mail processing center in Kingsford, Michigan, and consolidate services 100 miles away in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The closure is scheduled to take effect on January 5, 2015; and

Whereas, The consolidation will severely delay mail delivery and result in a degradation of postal service standards by virtually eliminating overnight first-class mail delivery in large portions of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Kingsford mail processing center is the only center serving the entire Upper Peninsula. The consolidation will require mail to travel up to 230 miles simply for processing and slow current one-day, first-class mail service to two- or three-day service in the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, This consolidation is not in the public's best interest. For the past four years,

the state of Michigan has looked to the Upper Peninsula and its natural resources as a means for sparking economic growth. This degradation of mail service sends a negative message to developers and investors. In addition, current Upper Peninsula business owners rely greatly on the U.S. Postal Service for their mail and shipping needs. The expected delays will negatively affect these local businesses, particularly small businesses, and residents; and

Whereas, The inevitable delays in mail service run directly counter to federal postal policy established by the U.S. Congress. Section 101 of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 stipulates:

"The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities."

It is difficult to conceive how this closure meets the U.S. Postal Service's obligation to provide "prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas". Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to stop the U.S. Postal Service from closing and consolidating the mail processing center in Kingsford, Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Postmaster General of the United States, and the Office of the Governor.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read the first and, by unanimous consent, second times, and referred, placed on the calendar, held at the desk, or acted upon, as indicated:

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 3018. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the rules relating to partnership audits and adjustments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 3019. A bill to amend the War Powers Resolution to provide for the use of military force against non-state actors; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3020. A bill to establish the composition known as America the Beautiful as the national anthem; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1463

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1695

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Ms. KLOBUCHAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1695, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 2644

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. KING] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2644, a bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2971

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. FRANKEN], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. MANCHIN] and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of S. 2971, a bill to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 3015

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3015, a bill to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

The following message was received from the House of Representatives on today, as indicated:

At 4:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2338. An act to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 3008. An act to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

H.R. 83. An act making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2591. An act to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.

H.R. 5859. An act to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 5701

Mr. WYDEN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H.R. 5701) to require that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of federally recognized tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; that the bill be read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. VITTER objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 4137

Mr. VITTER asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of bill (H.R. 4137) to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table.

Mr. WYDEN objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL S. 1898

Ms. WARREN asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (S. 1898) to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; that the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION
OF BILL H.R. 2126

Mrs. SHAHEEN asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2126) to

facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings, and for other purposes, and the Senate proceed to consideration thereof; that the bill be read the third time, and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

Mr. TOOMEY objected.

ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

As in executive session,

Ordered. That the order discharging PNs 2065, 1279, 1280, and 1916 be vitiated as the nominations were on the executive calendar on the privileged nominations list.

GRAND PORTAGE BAND PER
CAPITA ADJUSTMENT ACT

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING in the chair) laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 3608) to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indian, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,

The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

DESIGNATING THE "FATHER
RICHARD MARQUESS-BARRY POST
OFFICE BUILDING"

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the bill (H.R. 4030) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building," received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, and remaining undisposed of; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bill.

The question being on the passage of the bill; and

No amendment being proposed,
The bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

MNI WICONI PROJECT ACT
AMENDMENTS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 684) to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendments to the bill.

The reported amendments were agreed to.

The question being on passage of the bill, as amended.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. TIM JOHNSON) to further amend the pending bill, at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 4122).

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
TRANSPARENCY ACT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1800) to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BARRASSO) to amend the reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), at the end thereof, by adding certain words (being amendment No. 4123).

The amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendment (in the nature of a substitute), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

RECOGNIZING NOBEL LAUREATES
KAILASH SATYARTHI AND
MALALA YOUSAFZAI

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. Res. 595) recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the resolution.

The reported amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the reported amendment to the preamble.

The reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF
JAMES CLEVELAND "JESSE"
OWENS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 226) celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens and honoring him for his accomplishments and steadfast commitment to promoting the civil rights of all people.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BROWN) to amend the preamble, at the appropriate places, by striking certain words and inserting others (being amendment No. 4126).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

HONORING CONSERVATION ON
THE CENTENNIAL OF THE
PASSENGER PIGEON EXTINCTION

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. Res. 564) honoring conservation on the centennial of the passenger pigeon extinction.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR for Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) to amend the resolving clause, before "conservation" by inserting "balanced and responsible" (being amendment No. 4124).

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The question being on agreeing to the accompanying preamble.

On motion by Mr. PRYOR for Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) to amend the preamble, at the appropriate place, by striking certain words, and inserting in lieu thereof other words (being amendment No. 4125).

The amendment was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

PROVIDING FOR THE SINE DIE
ADJOURNMENT OF THE SECOND
SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

On the request of Mr. PRYOR,

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 125) providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday, December 12, 2014, and remaining undisposed of.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the concurrent resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

A motion to reconsider was deemed made and laid on the table, by unanimous consent.

APPOINTMENT BY MINORITY
LEADER
CHINA ECONOMIC SECURITY REVIEW
COMMISSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER announced that the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in consultation with the chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Finance, had appointed the following individuals to the United States – China Economic Security Review Commission: Robin Cleveland, of Virginia, and Dennis Shea, of Virginia.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS
DURING RECESS OR
ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the VICE PRESIDENT, the PRESIDENT pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF
ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, during the adjournment of the Senate from Wednesday, December 17, 2014 until Friday, January 2, 2015, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. LEVIN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

ORDERS FOR ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL 12 NOON ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 6, 2015, AND FOR
PROGRAM

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

Ordered, That, when the Senate concludes its business on today, it adjourn sine die, pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 125.

Ordered further, That, when the Senate convenes at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, pursuant to P.L. 113-201, immediately following the prayer and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and following the presentation of the certificates of election, the swearing-in of elected Members, and live quorum call, the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the times for the two leaders be reserved.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

By unanimous consent, on the request of Mr. PRYOR,

At 11:25 p.m.,

The PRESIDING OFFICER declared the Senate adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 125, until 12 noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

ACTIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE
SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE
SENATE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED
SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE
ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2338. An act to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 3008. An act to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SINE
DIE ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the Secretary of the Senate, on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1206. An act to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1378. An act to designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the “John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center” and to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the “James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 2754. An act to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3027. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Barry M. Goldwater Post Office”.

H.R. 3572. An act to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units.

H.R. 3979. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel

strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4276. An act to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

H.R. 4416. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4651. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas, as the “Specialist Keith Erin Grace, Jr. Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 5050. An act to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5185. An act to reauthorize the Young Women’s Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.

H.R. 5331. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the “Colonel M.J. ‘Mac’ Dube, USMC Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5562. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the “Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5687. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office”.

H.R. 5816. An act to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the enrolled bills, with the exception of bill H.R. 3979, were signed on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, subsequent to sine die adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SINE
DIE ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the Secretary of the Senate, on Thursday, December 18, 2014, subsequent to the sine

die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1068. An act to enact title 54, United States Code, “National Park Service and Related Programs”, as positive law.

H.R. 2901. An act to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world’s poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3608. An act to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

H.R. 4030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5771. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the enrolled bills were signed on Thursday, December 18, 2014, subsequent to sine die adjournment of the Senate, by the PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the enrolled bill (H.R. 3979) authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes was subsequently signed on Thursday, December 18, 2014, subsequent to sine die adjournment of the Senate, by the ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

APPENDIX

SENATORS OF THE UNITED STATES WHOSE SEATS WILL BECOME VACANT IN—

2015 Class 2	2017 Class 3	2019 Class 1
Mr. ALEXANDER of Tennessee	Ms. AYOTTE of New Hampshire	Ms. BALDWIN of Wisconsin
BEGICH of Alaska	Mr. BENNET of Colorado	Mr. BARRASSO of Wyoming ¹
BOOKER of New Jersey ¹	BLUMENTHAL of Connecticut	BROWN of Ohio
CHAMBLISS of Georgia	BLUNT of Missouri	Ms. CANTWELL of Washington
COCHRAN of Mississippi	BOOZMAN of Arkansas	Mr. CARDIN of Maryland
Ms. COLLINS of Maine	Mrs. BOXER of California	CARPER of Delaware
Mr. COONS of Delaware ¹	Mr. BURR of North Carolina	CASEY of Pennsylvania
CORNYN of Texas	COATS of Indiana	CORKER of Tennessee
DURBIN of Illinois	COBURN of Oklahoma	CRUZ of Texas
ENZI of Wyoming	CRAPO of Idaho	DONNELLY of Indiana
FRANKEN of Minnesota	GRASSLEY of Iowa	Mrs. FEINSTEIN of California
GRAHAM of South Carolina	HOEVEN of North Dakota	FISCHER of Nebraska
Mrs. HAGAN of North Carolina	ISAKSON of Georgia	Mr. FLAKE of Arizona
Mr. HARKIN of Iowa	JOHNSON of Wisconsin	Mrs. GILLIBRAND of New York ¹
INHOFE of Oklahoma	KIRK of Illinois	Mr. HATCH of Utah
JOHANNIS of Nebraska	LEAHY of Vermont	HEINRICH of New Mexico
JOHNSON of South Dakota	LEE of Utah	Ms. HEITKAMP of North Dakota
Ms. LANDRIEU of Louisiana	MCCAIN of Arizona	Mr. HELLER of Nevada
Mr. LEVIN of Michigan	Ms. MIKULSKI of Maryland	Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii
MARKEY of Massachusetts ¹	Mr. MORAN of Kansas	Mr. KAINE of Virginia
MCCONNELL of Kentucky	Ms. MURKOWSKI of Alaska	KING of Maine
MERKLEY of Oregon	Mrs. MURRAY of Washington	Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota
PRYOR of Arkansas	Mr. PAUL of Kentucky	Mr. MANCHIN of West Virginia
REED of Rhode Island	PORTMAN of Ohio	Mrs. MCCASKILL of Missouri
RISCH of Idaho	REID of Nevada	Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey
ROBERTS of Kansas	RUBIO of Florida	MURPHY of Connecticut
ROCKEFELLER of West Virginia	SCHATZ of Hawaii ³	NELSON of Florida
SESSIONS of Alabama	SCHUMER of New York	SANDERS of Vermont
Mrs. SHAHEEN of New Hampshire	SCOTT of South Carolina ³	Ms. STABENOW of Michigan
Mr. UDALL of Colorado	SHELBY of Alabama	Mr. TESTER of Montana
UDALL of New Mexico	THUNE of South Dakota	Ms. WARREN of Massachusetts
WALSH of Montana ²	TOOMEY of Pennsylvania	Mr. WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island
WARNER of Virginia	VITTER of Louisiana	WICKER of Mississippi ¹
	WYDEN of Oregon	

¹Elected to fill an unexpired term until January 3, 2015.

²Appointed to fill an unexpired term until such vacancy is filled as provided by law.

³Elected to fill an unexpired term until January 3, 2017.

HISTORY OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

SENATE BILLS

- S. 9**—A bill to strengthen our Nation’s electoral system by ensuring clean and fair elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 15**—A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [13MR], [25MR], [27MR], [22JY]
- S. 23**—A bill to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed House, [4MR]
Presented to the President (March 6, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–87] (signed March 13, 2014)
- S. 25**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed House amended, [11FE]
Senate agreed to House amendment, [12FE]
Presented to the President (February 14, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–82] (signed February 15, 2014)
- S. 37**—A bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [6MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–165), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
- S. 40**—A bill to restore Americans’ individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7MY]
- S. 41**—A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [9JA], [30JA], [4FE]
- S. 51**—A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–183), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 56**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for employers establishing workplace child care facilities, to increase the child care credit to encourage greater use of quality child care services, to provide incentives for students to earn child care-related degrees and to work in child care facilities, and to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [13MR]
- S. 84**—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [25MR], [27MR], [31MR], [15JY]
- S. 91**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify eligibility for the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [8JA]
- S. 104**—A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [1AP]
- S. 109**—A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [14JY], [15JY]
- S. 113**—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
- S. 114**—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [5MR], [17JN], [22JY]
- S. 116**—A bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [24FE]
- S. 119**—A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign non-governmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [21JY]
- S. 127**—A bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [9JA], [4FE]
- S. 132**—A bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [24MR], [3AP], [7AP], [10SE], [15SE], [12NO]
- S. 135**—A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [27FE]
- S. 149**—A bill to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [4MR]
Reported (no written report), [6MR]
Placed on the calendar, [6MR]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [5MY]
- S. 160**—A bill to exclude from consumer credit reports medical debt that has been in collection and has been fully paid or settled, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [20MY]
- S. 161**—A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [25FE]
Reported (no written report), [3AP]
Placed on the calendar, [3AP]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–208), [14JY]
- S. 162**—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [4FE], [10AP], [7MY], [14MY], [20MY], [3JN], [21JY]
Motion to proceed considered, [14MY], [15MY], [20MY], [21MY]
- S. 163**—A bill to prohibit any regulation regarding carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the United States until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 170**—A bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [9JY], [16JY]
- S. 178**—A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [16JA]
- S. 182**—A bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–289), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 192**—A bill to enhance the energy security of United States allies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [6MR], [11MR], [24MR], [31MR]
- S. 200**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment in national cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration of individuals who served in combat support of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [25MR]
- S. 202**—A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [26JN]
- S. 204**—A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [27JA], [24FE], [24MR], [29JY]

- S. 209**—A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [21MY], [18SE], [9DE]
- S. 212**—A bill to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–184), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 214**—A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [16JA]
- S. 217**—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational elementary schools and secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [9JA]
- S. 223**—A bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [17SE]
- S. 224**—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–185), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 226**—A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [20MY]
- S. 229**—A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [3DE]
Passed House, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–230] (signed December 16, 2014)
- S. 230**—A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed House, [13JA]
Presented to the President (January 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–78] (signed January 24, 2014)
- S. 231**—A bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–235), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [31JY]
Passed House, [8SE]
Presented to the President (September 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–165] (signed September 19, 2014)
- S. 232**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [2AP], [25JN]
- S. 234**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [31JY], [12NO]
- S. 236**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and physicians or practitioners to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [9JY]
- S. 240**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for non-regular service; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [16JY], [22JY], [28JY], [29JY], [30JY], [31JY], [12NO]
- S. 247**—A bill to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed Senate amended, [9JY]
- S. 249**—A bill to provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 254**—A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [20MY]
- S. 255**—A bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [4MR]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [3AP]
- S. 257**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [11MR], [7MY]
- S. 258**—A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–166), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
- S. 267**—A bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–132), [8JA]
Placed on the calendar, [8JA]
- S. 269**—A bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 270**—A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 273**—A bill to modify the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude appraisers of employee stock ownership plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [6JA]
- S. 276**—A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed House, [11SE]
Presented to the President (September 16, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–177] (signed September 26, 2014)
- S. 279**—A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [1MY]
- S. 280**—A bill to ensure effective control over the Congressional budget process; to the Committee on the Budget.
Cosponsors added, [9JN]
- S. 287**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [10DE]
- S. 289**—A bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [1AP]
- S. 309**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Passed House, [19MY]
Presented to the President (May 21, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–108] (signed May 30, 2014)
- S. 311**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed Senate amended, [9JY]
- S. 313**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [27FE], [5MR], [10MR], [24MR], [26MR], [1AP], [29AP], [22MY], [11JN], [23JN], [4DE], [8DE], [11DE]
- S. 314**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [13JA]
- S. 315**—A bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [24FE], [26FE], [6MR], [3AP], [8AP], [30AP], [18JN], [21JY], [22JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
- S. 316**—A bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other

- purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S. 318**—A bill to rescind funds made available to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency if the Administrator fails to meet certain deadlines; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [9DE]
- S. 323**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [1MY], [22MY], [16JY]
- S. 325**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [13MY], [17SE]
- S. 326**—A bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [18SE]
- S. 338**—A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [11MR], [24MR], [31JY], [12NO]
- S. 345**—A bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
Cosponsors added, [26FE]
- S. 346**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [17NO]
- S. 350**—A bill to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8JY]
- S. 354**—A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed Senate, [9JY]
- S. 357**—A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [26FE], [28AP], [12MY], [13MY], [14MY], [8JY]
- S. 359**—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [15SE]
- S. 360**—A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [20MY]
- S. 361**—A bill to require the lender or servicer of a home mortgage, upon a request by the homeowner for a short sale, to make a prompt decision whether to allow the sale; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24FE]
- S. 363**—A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed Senate, [9JY]
- S. 364**—A bill to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [5MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–177), [2JN]
Placed on the calendar, [2JN]
- S. 367**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [10AP]
- S. 370**—A bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [6MR], [24MR], [6MY]
- S. 375**—A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [13MR], [1AP], [28AP], [29AP], [30AP], [1MY], [6MY], [8MY], [7JY], [21JY], [28JY], [9SE], [12NO]
- S. 376**—A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Passed Senate amended, [3FE]
- S. 381**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [20MY]
- S. 382**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
- S. 392**—A bill to support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [7AP], [30JY]
- S. 394**—A bill to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [10MR]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [21MY]
- S. 397**—A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [13JA]
- S. 398**—A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [10FE], [24MR], [8AP], [30AP], [7MY], [13MY], [20MY], [2JN], [15JY], [12NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–290), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 399**—A bill to protect American job creation by striking the Federal mandate on employers to offer health insurance; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7MY]
- S. 403**—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [20MY], [11SE], [18SE]
- S. 404**—A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–140), [31MR]
Placed on the calendar, [31MR]
Passed Senate amended, [3AP]
Passed House, [7AP]
Presented to the President (April 9, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–99] (signed April 15, 2014)
- S. 409**—A bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [11MR], [2AP]
- S. 411**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [4FE], [26FE], [12MR], [25MR], [27MR], [14MY], [18SE]
- S. 413**—A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [15SE]
- S. 429**—A bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [14MY], [3JN], [7JY], [5AU], [15SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–319), [12DE]
- S. 430**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [4FE]
- S. 433**—A bill to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [2AP]
- S. 434**—A bill to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 435**—A bill to ban the exportation of crude oil or refined petroleum products derived from Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [15MY]
- S. 445**—A bill to improve security at State and local courthouses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [2AP], [30AP]
- S. 452**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the incidence of diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [5MR], [11MR], [3AP]
- S. 460**—A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [15JA]
- S. 462**—A bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [4MR], [31MR], [7AP], [8AP], [28AP], [29AP], [6MY], [8MY], [22MY]
- S. 466**—A bill to assist low-income individuals in obtaining recommended dental care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

- Cosponsors added, [28AP]
- S. 476—A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Passed Senate amended, [9JY]
Passed House, [17SE]
Presented to the President (September 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–178] (signed September 26, 2014)
- S. 482—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 484—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to lead-based paint renovation and remodeling activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [1AP], [8AP], [22MY]
- S. 487—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide that over-the-road bus drivers are covered under the maximum hours requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [23JY]
- S. 489—A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [3FE], [12FE], [27FE], [11MR], [10AP], [7MY], [7JY], [8JY], [15JY], [17JY], [30JY], [18SE]
- S. 490—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [5MY]
- S. 491—A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–186), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 495—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to hire veterans, to require States to recognize the military experience of veterans when issuing licenses and credentials to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [21MY]
- S. 501—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [8MY], [2JN]
- S. 506—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [12MY], [2JN], [4JN]
- S. 511—A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to enhance the Small Business Investment Company Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
Cosponsors added, [11FE]
- S. 517—A bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [9JY], [10JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [10JY]
Placed on the calendar, [10JY]
Passed Senate amended, [15JY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–212), [17JY]
Passed House, [25JY]
Presented to the President (July 28, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–144] (signed August 1, 2014)
- S. 526—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [30JA], [12FE], [10MR], [27MR], [8AP], [1MY], [22MY], [19NO], [20NO]
- S. 530—A bill to make participation in the American Community Survey voluntary, except with respect to certain basic questions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [3AP]
- S. 531—A bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity guidelines for Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Reported with amendment (no written report), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]
- S. 534—A bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [16JA]
- S. 539—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with prediabetes and diabetes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [31MR], [1AP], [28AP], [12MY], [14MY], [20MY], [3JN], [4JN], [8JY], [23JY], [24JY], [28JY], [17SE], [13NO], [19NO]
- S. 540—A bill to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the “Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Passed House amended, [11FE]
Senate invoked cloture, [12FE]
Senate agreed to House amendment, [12FE]
Presented to the President (February 14, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–83] (signed February 15, 2014)
- S. 541—A bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [12NO]
- S. 544—A bill to require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [22JY]
- S. 553—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [22MY], [9JN], [22JY]
- S. 554—A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.
Cosponsors added, [7AP]
- S. 557—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [27MR], [1MY]
- S. 561—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7JY]
- S. 562—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- Cosponsors added, [24FE]
- S. 567—A bill to improve the retirement of American families by strengthening Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 569—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [30JY], [18SE], [17NO]
- S. 571—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [9AP]
- S. 572—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [13NO]
- S. 576—A bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [8MY]
- S. 577—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [10JY], [17SE]
- S. 582—A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.
Cosponsors added, [10MR]
- S. 583—A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.
Cosponsors added, [4FE]
- S. 603—A bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [19JN]
- S. 604—A bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [17NO]
- S. 607—A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [21JY], [29JY]
- S. 609—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Passed Senate amended, [9JY]
- S. 610—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [10DE]
- S. 611—A bill to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–136), [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Passed Senate amended, [12MR]
Passed House, [28MY]
Presented to the President (June 3, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–119] (signed June 9, 2014)
- S. 619—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [10FE]
- S. 620—A bill to withhold the salary of the Director of OMB upon failure to submit the President's budget to Congress as required by section 1105

- of title 31, United States Code; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Cosponsors added, [24JY]
- S. 623**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [16JA], [26FE]
- S. 629**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Cosponsors added, [16JA]
- S. 631**—A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [18SE], [9DE]
- S. 632**—A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Cosponsors added, [4JN], [16JN], [7JY], [8JY], [10JY], [14JY], [30JY]
- S. 633**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Cosponsors added, [12FE], [17SE]
- S. 635**—A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Cosponsors added, [12FE], [24FE], [27FE], [12MR], [24MR], [25MR], [26MR], [1AP], [3AP], [29AP], [30AP], [12MY], [22MY], [2JN], [5JN], [19JN], [31JY], [18SE]
- S. 637**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [24JY]
- S. 641**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [12FE], [22JY], [31JY], [9SE], [10SE], [18SE], [13NO], [18NO], [8DE]
- S. 642**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [3AP]
- S. 644**—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [13JA], [24FE], [17JN]
- S. 646**—A bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Cosponsors added, [15JA]
- S. 653**—A bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Cosponsors added, [7JA] Passed Senate amended, [10JY] Passed House, [25JY] Presented to the President (July 29, 2014) Approved [Public Law 113–161] (signed August 8, 2014)
- S. 654**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [6MY], [8MY], [22MY], [26JN], [8JY], [1AU]
- S. 655**—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [28JA]
- S. 666**—A bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Cosponsors added, [6JA], [16JA], [27JA], [17NO], [20NO]
- S. 675**—A bill to prohibit contracting with the enemy; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–216), [23JY] Placed on the calendar, [23JY] Cosponsors added, [13NO]
- S. 684**—A bill to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Passed Senate amended, [16DE]
- S. 706**—A bill to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
- S. 709**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, leading to better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [16JA], [10MR], [21MY], [2JN], [3JN], [24JN], [31JY]
- S. 714**—A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. Cosponsors added, [22MY], [22JY], [3DE]
- S. 715**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Cosponsors added, [8AP] Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–167), [22MY] Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
- S. 719**—A bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [26JN], [14JY]
- S. 723**—A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [4FE]
- S. 727**—A bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Cosponsors added, [6MR], [27MR], [31MR], [2AP], [29AP], [1AU], [12NO]
- S. 728**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [24MR]
- S. 734**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation; to the Committee on Armed Services. Cosponsors added, [27JA], [10AP], [30JY], [31JY], [8SE], [12NO]
- S. 738**—A bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Cosponsors added, [28JA], [29JA], [25MR], [8JY]
- S. 739**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [5MR]
- S. 740**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to provide drug rebates for drugs dispensed to low-income individuals under the Medicare prescription drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [6JA]
- S. 741**—A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Cosponsors added, [25MR] Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–187), [5JN] Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 742**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [16JA], [26JN], [15SE], [13NO]
- S. 753**—A bill to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–159), [14MY] Placed on the calendar, [14MY]
- S. 754**—A bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 755**—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to apply the Medicaid primary care payment rate to additional physician providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [10MR]
- S. 758**—A bill to establish a comprehensive literacy program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [30JY]
- S. 759**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [17JY], [21JY], [22JY], [29JY], [31JY], [8SE], [13NO]
- S. 760**—A bill to require the establishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

- Removal of cosponsors, [23JY]
- S. 769**—A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Cosponsors added, [4FE], [22MY], [9DE]
- S. 772**—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [13MR], [11AP], [13MY], [2DE]
- S. 775**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for the installation and maintenance of mechanical insulation property; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [11MR], [12MR]
- S. 776**—A bill to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–291), [10DE] Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 782**—A bill to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–168), [22MY] Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
- S. 809**—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [13JA], [31JY], [16SE]
- S. 810**—A bill to require a pilot program on an online computerized assessment to enhance detection of behaviors indicating a risk of suicide and other mental health conditions in members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services. Cosponsors added, [26FE]
- S. 813**—A bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Cosponsors added, [6MR]
- S. 820**—A bill to provide for a uniform national standard for the housing and treatment of egg-laying hens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 822**—A bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. Cosponsors added, [27MR], [31MR], [5JN], [9JN], [10JN], [17JN], [21JY], [28JY], [8SE], [12NO]
- S. 824**—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Cosponsors added, [8JA], [12MR]
- S. 836**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [6MR], [26JN], [24JY]
- S. 838**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. 839**—A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported (S. Rept. 113–156), [5MY] Placed on the calendar, [5MY]
- S. 841**—A bill to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–292), [10DE] Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 842**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [13MR]
- S. 851**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Cosponsors added, [11SE]
- S. 862**—A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [15JA], [30JA], [24FE], [26FE], [11MR], [26MR]
- S. 864**—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–142), [1AP] Placed on the calendar, [1AP] Cosponsors added, [15JY], [1DE], [2DE]
- S. 865**—A bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [30JA], [6MR], [1MY], [12MY], [22MY], [21JY], [24JY], [16SE], [17NO]
- S. 872**—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Cosponsors added, [29AP]
- S. 875**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the reporting of cases of infectious diseases at facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Cosponsors added, [5MY]
- S. 877**—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow public access to research of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Cosponsors added, [10DE]
- S. 878**—A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration; to the Committee on the Judiciary. Cosponsors added, [28AP]
- S. 885**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Passed House, [17NO] Presented to the President (November 19, 2014) Approved [Public Law 113–189] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 887**—A bill to repeal the violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [5JN]
- S. 888**—A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Cosponsors added, [6JA], [4FE]
- S. 890**—A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Cosponsors added, [26MR], [8AP]
- S. 895**—A bill to improve the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to study the use of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [13MR], [3JN]
- S. 896**—A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [12FE], [1MY], [22JY], [11SE]
- S. 897**—A bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013–2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 898**—A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported (no written report), [5JN] Placed on the calendar, [5JN] Passed Senate, [9SE] Passed House, [12NO] Presented to the President (November 17, 2014) Approved [Public Law 113–190] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 907**—A bill to provide grants to better understand and reduce gestational diabetes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [11MR], [17JN], [18NO]
- S. 908**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Cosponsors added, [10JY]
- S. 913**—A bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Cosponsors added, [28JA]
- S. 916**—A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Cosponsors added, [8JY]
- S. 917**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers; to the Committee on Finance. Cosponsors added, [24FE], [24MR], [31MR], [10AP], [8MY], [12MY], [20MY], [2JN], [29JY]
- S. 919**—A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further

- self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [26FE], [11JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–285), [4DE]
- S. 921**—A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–253), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]
- S. 931**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to raise awareness of, and to educate breast cancer patients anticipating surgery, especially patients who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, regarding the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction, prostheses, and other options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [18NO]
- S. 932**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for advance appropriations for certain discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [2JN], [5AU]
- S. 933**—A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [10MR], [11MR], [12MR], [13MR], [29AP], [5MY], [6MY], [12MY], [30JY], [10SE]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [6MY]
- S. 942**—A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [24FE], [4MR], [5MR], [28AP], [6MY], [12MY], [14JY], [24JY], [28JY], [8SE], [16SE], [12NO]
- S. 945**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [31MR], [1AP], [8JY]
- S. 946**—A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [9JA], [27JA], [6FE], [17SE]
- S. 948**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [15JA], [12MR], [24MR], [27MR], [2AP], [5MY], [15MY], [21MY], [23JN], [26JN], [7JY], [28JY], [31JY], [8SE], [12NO]
- S. 952**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [16SE]
- S. 958**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [27MR], [4JN]
- S. 961**—A bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [12JN]
- S. 968**—A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24FE]
- S. 969**—A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–188), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 970**—A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–143), [1AP]
Placed on the calendar, [1AP]
- S. 972**—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD–9 with ICD–10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [6MR]
- S. 974**—A bill to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–178), [2JN]
Placed on the calendar, [2JN]
- S. 975**—A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [27MR]
- S. 981**—A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [19JN]
- S. 987**—A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [24FE], [13MR], [17JN], [9JY], [29JY], [31JY]
- S. 994**—A bill to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–139), [27MR]
Placed on the calendar, [27MR]
Passed Senate amended, [10AP]
Passed House, [28AP]
Presented to the President (April 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–101] (signed May 9, 2014)
- S. 995**—A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–169), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]
- S. 997**—A bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [15MY]
- S. 1000**—A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [2DE]
Passed House, [10DE]
- Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–273] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 1008**—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [5MR], [9AP], [8SE]
- S. 1009**—A bill to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 1011**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [24FE], [25FE], [13MR], [27MR], [31MR], [1AP], [3AP], [5MY], [7MY], [21MY], [3JN], [5JN], [11JN], [7JY], [21JY], [30JY], [10SE], [15SE], [17SE], [18SE], [12NO], [18NO], [19NO], [20NO], [2DE], [3DE]
- S. 1012**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [1MY], [6MY], [12MY], [17JN], [31JY], [17NO]
- S. 1014**—A bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [2JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–310), [12DE]
- S. 1022**—A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [12FE], [29JY]
- S. 1027**—A bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [26JN]
- S. 1029**—A bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [3AP], [9JY], [2DE]
- S. 1030**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [31JY]
- S. 1033**—A bill to authorize a grant program to promote physical education, activity, and fitness and nutrition, and to ensure healthy students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [13MY], [20MY], [11JN], [9JY]
- S. 1038**—A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [3DE]
- S. 1040**—A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [21MY], [22MY], [5JN], [9JN], [11JN], [12JN], [17JN], [8JY], [21JY], [22JY], [23JY], [28JY], [30JY], [15SE], [12NO], [13NO], [17NO], [18NO], [19NO], [20NO], [3DE]
- S. 1044**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or

- an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [10MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113-141), [31MR]
Placed on the calendar, [31MR]
Passed Senate, [5JN]
Passed House, [23JN]
Presented to the President (June 25, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113-123] (signed June 30, 2014)
- S. 1045**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-272), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
- S. 1049**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [25MR], [5MY], [24JN]
- S. 1053**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [24MR]
- S. 1056**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [18JN]
- S. 1060**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for military veterans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [5MR]
- S. 1061**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [6FE]
- S. 1064**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [24MR], [7JY], [9JY]
- S. 1066**—A bill to allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance Federal student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [26MR], [9AP], [30AP], [20MY], [21MY], [3JN]
- S. 1067**—A bill to establish within the Department of Education the Innovation Inspiration school grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [4MR]
- S. 1068**—A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-133), [8JA]
Placed on the calendar, [8JA]
Passed Senate amended, [11FE]
- S. 1069**—A bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [24FE], [24MR], [29AP], [2JN]
- S. 1070**—A bill to make it unlawful to alter or remove the unique equipment identification number of a mobile device; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [27FE]
- S. 1074**—A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported (no written report), [3AP]
Placed on the calendar, [3AP]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113-209), [14JY]
- S. 1077**—A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported (S. Rept. 113-189), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 1080**—A bill to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported (S. Rept. 113-190), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 1086**—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-138), [25FE]
Placed on the calendar, [25FE]
Motion to proceed considered, [26FE], [27FE], [4MR], [6MR], [10MR], [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [13MR], [17NO]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [12MR]
Considered, [12MR], [13MR], [18SE], [13NO]
Passed Senate amended, [13MR]
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Consideration of House amendment, [18SE]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to concur in House amendment, [13NO]
Senate agreed to House amendment, [17NO]
Presented to the President (November 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113-186] (signed November 19, 2014)
- S. 1088**—A bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [9SE], [17SE], [18SE]
- S. 1089**—A bill to provide for a prescription drug take-back program for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [30JY]
- S. 1090**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. 1091**—A bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [11MR], [24JN]
- S. 1093**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Passed House, [17NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113-191] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 1099**—A bill to ensure that individuals do not simultaneously receive unemployment compensation and disability insurance benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 1104**—A bill to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-201), [26JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
- Passed Senate amended, [10JY]
Passed House, [25JY]
Presented to the President (July 29, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113-162] (signed August 8, 2014)
- S. 1106**—A bill to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by Federal mortgage agencies by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [25JN]
- S. 1114**—A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [6MR], [13MR], [12JN], [26JN]
- S. 1116**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [31MR], [1AP], [13MY]
- S. 1124**—A bill to establish requirements with respect to bisphenol A; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [14JY]
- S. 1128**—A bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [26JN]
- S. 1133**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [1AP], [17NO]
- S. 1135**—A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [24FE], [12MR], [8AP], [11AP]
- S. 1137**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [28JA]
- S. 1141**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [5JN]
- S. 1143**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to physician supervision of therapeutic hospital outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [10FE], [3AP], [6MY]
- S. 1150**—A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [12MR], [1AP], [9AP]
- S. 1153**—A bill to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- S. 1155**—A bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
- S. 1156**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such

- form mandatory; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [5JN]
- S. 1158**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [31JY]
- S. 1163**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [10AP]
- S. 1169**—A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–160), [14MY]
Placed on the calendar, [14MY]
- S. 1171**—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8JA]
- S. 1174**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [9JA], [14JA], [15JA], [16JA], [28JA], [3FE], [6FE], [24FE], [25FE], [27FE], [4MR], [13MR], [25MR], [26MR], [1AP], [10AP], [29AP], [1MY], [5MY], [6MY], [7MY], [12MY], [13MY], [15MY], [20MY], [21MY], [22MY]
- S. 1181**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [27JA], [3FE], [24FE], [4MR], [5MR], [14MY]
- S. 1183**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [23JY]
- S. 1184**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include information on the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity in the Medicare and You Handbook and to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [21MY], [18JN], [26JN]
- S. 1186**—A bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [28JA]
- S. 1187**—A bill to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [27FE], [30AP], [5MY], [18NO]
- S. 1188**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [6MY], [12MY], [4JN], [12JN], [30JY]
- S. 1189**—A bill to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [10AP]
- S. 1204**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [15JA], [24FE], [4MR]
- S. 1208**—A bill to require meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [12FE], [24FE], [12MY], [25JN]
- S. 1212**—A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
- S. 1214**—A bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [4JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–236), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [16SE]
- S. 1217**—A bill to provide secondary mortgage market reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Reported with amendment (no written report), [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
- S. 1219**—A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported with amendment (no written report), [3AP]
Placed on the calendar, [3AP]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–215), [22JY]
- S. 1224**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [22JY]
- S. 1232**—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [20MY]
- S. 1235**—A bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [12FE], [20MY]
- S. 1236**—A bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [3FE], [14JY]
- S. 1237**—A bill to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–146), [8AP]
Placed on the calendar, [8AP]
Passed Senate amended, [18JN]
- S. 1239**—A bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [6MY], [15MY], [2JN]
- S. 1242**—A bill to amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
- S. 1249**—A bill to rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [8JA], [4FE], [6FE], [2AP], [29AP], [4JN], [17JN], [23JN], [25JN], [10JY], [15JY], [16JY], [30JY], [31JY], [9SE], [10SE], [20NO], [8DE]
- S. 1251**—A bill to establish programs with respect to childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [25JN], [7JY], [15JY], [9SE], [11SE]
- S. 1252**—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–170), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
- S. 1254**—A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Passed Senate amended, [12FE]
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Senate agreed to House amendment, [17JN]
Presented to the President (June 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–124] (signed June 30, 2014)
- S. 1256**—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [1AP], [15MY], [20MY], [4JN], [23JN], [10DE]
- S. 1261**—A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [9JY]
- S. 1269**—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [27FE]
- S. 1271**—A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [8JA]
- S. 1275**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–251), [10SE]
Placed on the calendar, [10SE]
- S. 1277**—A bill to establish a commission for the purpose of coordinating efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [17SE]
- S. 1280**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to agricultural research organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [26FE]
- S. 1291**—A bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
- S. 1294**—A bill to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported (no written report), [8AP]

- Placed on the calendar, [8AP]
- S. 1297—A bill to establish the Government Transformation Commission to review and make recommendations regarding cost control in the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [29JA]
- S. 1300—A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–179), [2JN]
Placed on the calendar, [2JN]
- S. 1301—A bill to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–180), [2JN]
Placed on the calendar, [2JN]
- S. 1302—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Passed Senate amended, [28JA]
- S. 1306—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to improve environmental literacy to better prepare students for postsecondary education and careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [9JA], [24MR]
- S. 1307—A bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [24JN]
- S. 1309—A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–161), [14MY]
Placed on the calendar, [14MY]
- S. 1311—A bill to provide for phased-in payment of Social Security Disability Insurance payments during the waiting period for individuals with a terminal illness; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [13MY]
- S. 1317—A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Reported with amendment (no written report), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 1318—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [11MR], [24JN]
- S. 1322—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [27FE]
- S. 1323—A bill to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [31JY], [18SE], [3DE]
- S. 1324—A bill to prohibit any regulations promulgated pursuant to a presidential memorandum relating to power sector carbon pollution standards from taking effect; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [3JN], [4JN]
- S. 1328—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–293), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 1330—A bill to delay the implementation of the employer responsibility provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [30JY]
- S. 1332—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [26FE], [3AP], [20MY], [3JN], [9JN], [12JN], [25JN], [22JY], [13NO], [18NO]
Removal of cosponsors, [2DE]
- S. 1333—A bill to reinstate funding for the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [27MR]
- S. 1335—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [17JN]
- S. 1336—A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office.
Cosponsors added, [26MR]
- S. 1341—A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–171), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]
- S. 1342—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [2AP]
- S. 1343—A bill to protect the information of livestock producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [27MR]
- S. 1346—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [9JN], [16JN]
- S. 1347—A bill to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–268), [10C]
Placed on the calendar, [10C]
- S. 1349—A bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [24FE], [4MR], [25MR], [1AP], [29AP], [1MY], [21MY], [18JN], [7JY], [21JY], [22JY], [11SE]
- S. 1352—A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported with amendment (no written report), [13JA]
- Placed on the calendar, [13JA]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–152), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [10FE]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged, [24MR]
Placed on the calendar, [24MR]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [8DE]
- S. 1353—A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–270), [24JY]
Placed on the calendar, [24JY]
Passed Senate amended, [11DE]
Passed House, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–274] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 1358—A bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [15JA]
- S. 1360—A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
- S. 1361—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. 1362—A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [17NO]
- S. 1363—A bill to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1,000,000,000 and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 1364—A bill to promote neutrality, implicit, and fairness in the taxation of digital goods and digital services; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [25MR]
- S. 1368—A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [18JN]
- S. 1369—A bill to provide additional flexibility to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish capital standards that are properly tailored to the unique characteristics of the business of insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [3AP]
- S. 1379—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [29AP]
- S. 1381—A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

- Cosponsors added, [30JY]
- S. 1383**—A bill to provide subsidized employment for unemployed, low-income adults, provide summer employment and year-round employment opportunities for low-income youth, and carry out work-related and educational strategies and activities of demonstrated effectiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [9JA]
- S. 1387**—A bill to establish a pilot program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [20MY]
- S. 1389**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [18NO]
- S. 1391**—A bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [10JY]
- S. 1395**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [12NO]
- S. 1396**—A bill to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wildfire; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [26JN]
- S. 1397**—A bill to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [12MR], [12MY], [29JY], [30JY]
- S. 1401**—A bill to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [5MR]
- S. 1404**—A bill to prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless the authority provided by the Constitution of the United States for the legislation can be determined and is clearly specified; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
Cosponsors added, [25FE]
- S. 1405**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of certain ambulance add-on payments under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
- S. 1406**—A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [9JA], [13JA], [14JA], [27JA], [28JA], [4FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [13MR], [6MY], [15MY], [20MY], [4JN], [11JN], [26JN], [31JY], [18SE], [19NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–254), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]
- S. 1407**—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen elementary and secondary computer science education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [2JN], [18SE], [13NO], [2DE]
- S. 1410**—A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [9JA], [27JA], [30JA], [4FE], [10FE], [24FE], [26FE], [10MR], [13MR], [2AP], [3AP], [8AP], [30AP], [4JN], [9JN], [7JY], [8JY], [14JY], [28JY], [30JY], [31JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [11MR]
Placed on the calendar, [11MR]
- S. 1413**—A bill to exempt from sequestration certain fees of the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on the Budget.
Cosponsors added, [10MR]
- S. 1417**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [11SE]
Passed Senate amended, [29JA]
- S. 1419**—A bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–294), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 1422**—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings; to the Committee on the Budget.
Cosponsors added, [1AP], [9AP]
- S. 1431**—A bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [9JA], [15JA], [16JA], [30JA], [6FE], [24FE], [26FE], [6MR], [12MR], [24MR], [31MR], [8AP], [10AP], [29AP], [1MY], [7MY], [8MY], [13MY], [15MY], [21MY], [3JN], [5JN], [9JN], [11JN], [9JY], [24JY]
- S. 1434**—A bill to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [14JA]
Passed House, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–231] (signed December 16, 2014)
- S. 1442**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and to provide a minimum 4 percent credit rate for existing buildings; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [8JY]
- S. 1445**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of optometrists in the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [14MY], [21MY], [4JN], [23JN], [26JN], [11DE]
- S. 1446**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the affordability of the health care tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [11FE]
- S. 1447**—A bill to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–246), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Passed Senate amended, [4DE]
- S. 1448**—A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- Cosponsors added, [4FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–202), [26JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
- S. 1451**—A bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or shipment of quagga mussels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–191), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 1452**—A bill to enhance transparency for certain surveillance programs authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [8JA]
- S. 1456**—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [15JA], [28JA], [30JA], [3FE], [6FE], [10FE], [25FE], [27FE], [4MR], [6MR], [10MR], [12MR], [13MR]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [13MR]
- S. 1458**—A bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
Cosponsors added, [25FE]
- S. 1459**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [16JY]
- S. 1460**—A bill to create two additional judge positions on the court established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and modify the procedures for the appointment of judges to that court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 1462**—A bill to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [1AP], [20MY]
- S. 1463**—A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [9JY], [14JY], [23JY], [28JY], [29JY], [30JY], [31JY], [8SE], [10SE], [16SE], [17SE], [18SE], [11NO], [1DE], [4DE], [16DE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–308), [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
- S. 1465**—A bill to ensure that persons who form corporations in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations, in order to prevent the formation of corporations with hidden owners, stop the misuse of United States corporations by wrongdoers, and assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, tax evasion, and other criminal and civil misconduct involving United States corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [8JA]
- S. 1467**—A bill to establish the Office of the Special Advocate to provide advocacy in cases before courts established by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [29JA]
- S. 1468**—A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [12FE], [25FE], [24MR], [26MR], [31MR], [9AP], [10AP], [12NO]

- Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–247), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- S. 1474**—A bill to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–260), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Passed Senate amended, [9DE]
Title amended, [9DE]
Passed House, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–275] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 1476**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [27JA], [26MR], [19JN], [8JY]
- S. 1477**—A bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands the National Labor Relations Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 1486**—A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–237), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 1495**—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [24FE], [26FE], [27FE], [5MR], [4JN], [9JY], [9SE]
- S. 1499**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the “Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Passed House, [17NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–192] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 1500**—A bill to declare the November 5, 2009, attack at Fort Hood, Texas, a terrorist attack, and to ensure that the victims of the attack and their families receive the same honors and benefits as those Americans who have been killed or wounded in a combat zone overseas and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [10AP]
- S. 1504**—A bill to increase funds set aside for off-system bridges; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [19JN]
- S. 1505**—A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from definition under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [15JY]
- S. 1506**—A bill to provide tax relief for persons affected by the discharge of oil in connection with the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [12MR]
- S. 1507**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [28JA], [3FE], [6FE], [6MR], [10MR], [13MR], [26MR], [10AP], [12MY], [21MY], [10JY], [22JY], [30JY], [1AU], [16SE], [17SE], [18SE]
- S. 1510**—A bill to provide for auditable financial statements for the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [28AP]
- S. 1511**—A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to remove barriers to the adoption of children in foster care through reauthorization and improvement of the adoption incentives program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [17JN]
- S. 1512**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Passed House, [17NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–193] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 1517**—A bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [24MR], [12MY], [10JY]
- S. 1524**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude major professional sports leagues from qualifying as tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [27JA]
- S. 1529**—A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [3FE]
- S. 1530**—A bill to realign structures and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [10AP]
- S. 1531**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [24JY], [17SE]
- S. 1533**—A bill to end offshore tax abuses, to preserve our national defense and protect American families and businesses from devastating cuts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [8SE]
- S. 1534**—A bill to provide a framework establishing the rights, liabilities, and responsibilities of participants in closing procedures for certain types of consumer deposit accounts, to protect individual consumer rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24JN]
- S. 1535**—A bill to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [11SE]
Reported (no written report), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]
Passed Senate amended, [11DE]
- S. 1555**—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a delay in the implementation schedule of the reductions in disproportionate share hospital payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [31JY]
- S. 1556**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JY], [8SE]
- S. 1557**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children’s hospitals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Passed House, [1AP]
Presented to the President (April 2, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–98] (signed April 7, 2014)
- S. 1562**—A bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Reported with amendment (no written report), [6JA]
Placed on the calendar, [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [27FE], [28AP], [12JN], [28JY], [30JY], [8SE], [15SE]
- S. 1565**—A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [8JA]
- S. 1574**—A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- S. 1577**—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [21MY]
- S. 1587**—A bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [30JA], [6FE], [26FE], [5MY]
- S. 1590**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [9JA], [14JA]
- S. 1591**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [25FE]
- S. 1595**—A bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 1596**—A bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [24FE], [9AP]
- S. 1597**—A bill to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24FE]
- S. 1599**—A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign

- intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [24FE], [7JY]
- S. 1600**—A bill to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international capabilities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [27JA]
- S. 1603**—A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported (no written report), [12JN]
Placed on the calendar, [12JN]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–194), [17JN]
Passed Senate, [19JN]
Passed House, [16SE]
Presented to the President (September 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–179] (signed September 26, 2014)
- S. 1610**—A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 1611**—A bill to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–157), [6MY]
Placed on the calendar, [6MY]
Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
- S. 1614**—A bill to require Certificates of Citizenship and other Federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a State court and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Presented to the President (January 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–74] (signed January 16, 2014)
- S. 1618**—A bill to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [8JA]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–283), [2DE]
Placed on the calendar, [2DE]
- S. 1622**—A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [13MR], [10AP], [1MY], [6MY], [8MY], [12MY], [14MY], [15MY], [20MY], [22MY], [18JN], [25JN], [26JN], [14JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–264), [10C]
- S. 1623**—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [2AP], [13NO]
- S. 1628**—A bill to provide Federal death and disability benefits for contractors who serve as firefighters of the Forest Service, Department of the Interior agencies, or any State or local entity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [9SE]
- S. 1635**—A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend the period during which supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits are temporarily increased; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
Cosponsors added, [28AP]
- S. 1645**—A bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [10AP], [6MY], [28JY], [31JY]
- S. 1647**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [4JN], [16JY], [28JY], [16SE]
- S. 1648**—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Memorial Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [15JA], [24FE]
- S. 1649**—A bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [8MY]
- S. 1654**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [26FE], [18SE]
- S. 1656**—A bill to clarify that volunteers at a children's consignment event are not employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [3JN]
- S. 1657**—A bill to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [27FE]
- S. 1658**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain small business tax provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [28JA]
- S. 1659**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [11MR], [24MR], [8AP]
- S. 1674**—A bill to help establish, enhance, and increase access to early childhood parent education and family engagement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. 1675**—A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [14MY], [10JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [11MR]
Placed on the calendar, [11MR]
- S. 1681**—An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
Passed Senate amended, [11JN]
Passed House, [24JN]
Presented to the President (June 26, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–126] (signed July 7, 2014)
- S. 1683**—A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Passed Senate amended, [4DE]
Passed House, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–276] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 1686**—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- Cosponsors added, [1DE]
- S. 1687**—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to ensure that employees are not misclassified as non-employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [29JA]
- S. 1688**—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), collectively, in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [6FE], [6MR], [29AP], [3JN], [26JN], [8SE]
- S. 1690**—A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [1AP], [11AP], [22MY], [11JN], [16JN], [21JY], [10SE], [16SE], [12NO]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [10C]
Placed on the calendar, [10C]
- S. 1691**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [20MY], [25JN], [8SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–248), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
Passed House, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–277] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 1692**—A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [24JN]
- S. 1694**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [11MR], [24MR], [3AP]
- S. 1695**—A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [27MR], [7AP], [1MY], [14MY], [3JN], [23JN], [28JY], [9SE], [17NO], [19NO], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [16DE]
- S. 1696**—A bill to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [13MY], [7JY]
- S. 1697**—A bill to support early learning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [15JA], [28JA], [4FE], [27FE], [28AP], [1MY], [6MY], [9JN]
- S. 1700**—A bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [21MY]
- S. 1702**—A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [29JY], [18SE], [18NO]
- S. 1704**—A bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [30JA], [24FE], [11MR]
- S. 1706**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury

- to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [15JA]
- S. 1708**—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [27JA], [12FE], [6MR], [12MR], [13MR], [12MY], [21MY], [3JN], [4JN]
- S. 1709**—A bill to require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [30JA]
- S. 1710**—A bill to require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [30JY]
- S. 1712**—A bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [29JY]
- S. 1714**—A bill to impose sanctions with respect to Syria, to expand existing sanctions with respect to Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- S. 1716**—A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 1719**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [9JA], [15JA]
- S. 1725**—A bill to amend the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 to confirm that a customer's net equity claim is based on the customer's last statement and that certain recoveries are prohibited, to change how trustees are appointed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [11FE], [30AP], [14JY], [17JY]
- S. 1726**—A bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [16JA]
- S. 1728**—A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [10AP], [6MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
- S. 1729**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide further options with respect to levels of coverage under qualified health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [13MR], [26MR]
- S. 1733**—A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [9JA], [4MR], [5MR], [25MR], [1AP], [3AP], [30AP], [13MY], [21MY], [2JN], [11JN], [12JN], [16JY]
- S. 1737**—A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [7JA], [9JA], [13JA], [14JA], [6FE], [12FE], [27FE], [4MR], [11MR], [12MR], [13MR], [27MR], [1AP]
Motion to proceed considered, [31MR], [1AP], [2AP]
- S. 1738**—A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [8JA], [15JA], [12FE], [25FE], [27FE], [5MR], [12MR], [24MR], [1AP], [8AP], [8MY], [17JN], [24JN], [25JN], [9JY], [17JY]
- S. 1739**—A bill to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [14JA], [10MR], [14JY], [22JY], [29JY], [9SE], [4DE]
- S. 1743**—A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 1744**—A bill to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [20NO]
Placed on the calendar, [20NO]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–276), [1DE]
Passed Senate amended, [15DE]
Title amended, [15DE]
- S. 1750**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–295), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 1752**—A bill to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.
Objection is heard, [24FE]
Considered, [6MR]
Cloture not invoked on bill, [6MR]
Returned to the calendar, [6MR]
- S. 1754**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless children and youths and foster children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [6JA]
- S. 1756**—A bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [5MR], [10MR], [28AP], [18SE]
- S. 1758**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to Medicare data; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [16JY]
- S. 1759**—A bill to reauthorize the teaching health center program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [20MY]
- S. 1760**—A bill to amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to improve the quality of life for current and former Coast Guard personnel and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [24FE]
- S. 1761**—A bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 and establish a private right of action to enforce compliance with such Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [10FE], [4JN], [7JY]
- S. 1764**—A bill to limit the retirement of A–10 aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [7AP]
- S. 1767**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [26MR]
- S. 1768**—A bill to establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [26MR]
- S. 1770**—A bill to provide for Federal civil liability for trade secret misappropriation in certain circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [4FE]
- S. 1771**—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–225), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 1778**—A bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [15JA]
- S. 1784**—A bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–307), [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
- S. 1788**—A bill to make it a negotiating principle of the United States in negotiations for bilateral, plurilateral, or multilateral agreements to seek the inclusion of provisions that promote Internet-enabled commerce and digital trade; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [13JA]
- S. 1790**—A bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [11JN]
- S. 1792**—A bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [24FE]
- S. 1793**—A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [7AP], [9AP], [13MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–269), [12NO]
Placed on the calendar, [12NO]
- S. 1794**—A bill to designate certain Federal land in Chaffee County, Colorado, as a national monument and as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [27FE]
- S. 1796**—A bill to increase the participation of women, girls, and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields, to encourage and support students from all economic backgrounds to pursue STEM career opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

- Cosponsors added, [7JA]
- S. 1798**—A bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [8JA], [9JA], [15JA], [16JA]
- S. 1799**—A bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [4FE], [6FE], [12FE], [5MR], [6MR], [26MR], [29AP], [8MY], [15MY], [5JN], [9JN], [11JN], [12JN], [16JN], [18JN], [24JN], [26JN]
Reported (no written report), [12JN]
Placed on the calendar, [12JN]
Passed Senate amended, [26JN]
Passed House, [28JY]
Presented to the President (July 31, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–163] (signed August 8, 2014)
- S. 1800**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–226), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate amended, [16DE]
- S. 1802**—A bill to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [24FE], [12MR], [10AP]
- S. 1803**—A bill to require certain protections for student loan borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [11MR], [12MR], [25MR], [31MR], [14MY], [5JN], [15JY]
- S. 1804**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–273), [17NO]
Placed on the calendar, [17NO]
- S. 1808**—A bill to prevent adverse treatment of any person on the basis of views held with respect to marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [13JA], [11MR]
- S. 1810**—A bill to provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [27JA], [25MR], [17JN], [16JY]
- S. 1811**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [11MR], [8SE]
- S. 1814**—A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [30JA]
- S. 1815**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. 1817**—A bill to require the Secretary to implement standards for short-term custody of individuals held in facilities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [24FE], [4MR]
- S. 1818**—A bill to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
Reported (no written report), [22JY]
Placed on the calendar, [22JY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–220), [28JY]
- S. 1820**—A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–217), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
- S. 1821**—A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [24FE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [6MR]
Indefinitely postponed (H.R. 3771 passed in lieu), [25MR]
- S. 1823**—A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [29JA], [24FE], [24MR], [26MR], [29AP], [12MY], [20MY], [17JN], [11SE]
- S. 1826**—A bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [6FE]
- S. 1827**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [15JA], [29JA], [4FE], [10FE], [12FE], [5MR], [10MR], [24MR]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [26MR]
- S. 1828**—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [25FE], [4MR], [6MR], [25MR], [28AP], [8SE], [17NO]
- S. 1837**—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purposes of making adverse employment decisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [8MY], [11JN], [23JN]
- S. 1839**—A bill to make certain luggage and travel articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [28AP], [7MY]
- S. 1842**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [30JY]
Removal of cosponsors, [31JY]
- S. 1844**—A bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [15JA]
- S. 1845**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.
Motion to proceed considered, [6JA], [7JA], [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [8JA], [6FE]
Senate invoked cloture on consideration of motion to proceed to consideration, [7JA]
Considered, [9JA], [13JA], [14JA], [4FE], [6FE]
- S. 1846**—A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [9JA], [14JA]
- Motion to proceed considered, [13JA], [14JA], [15JA]
Amendments, [15JA]
- S. 1848**—A bill to amend section 1303(b)(3) of Public Law 111–148 concerning the notice requirements regarding the extent of health plan coverage of abortion and abortion premium surcharges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [9JA], [14JA]
- S. 1853**—A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [1DE]
- S. 1856**—A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [6FE]
- S. 1861**—A bill to save taxpayer money and end bailouts of financial institutions by providing for a process to allow financial institutions to go bankrupt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [21JY], [9DE]
- S. 1862**—A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [28JA], [29JA], [4FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [26FE], [27FE], [11MR], [25MR], [26MR], [27MR], [31MR], [7AP], [8AP], [10AP], [28AP], [30AP], [5MY], [6MY], [7MY], [8MY], [12MY], [13MY]
- S. 1865**—A bill to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–210), [15JY]
Placed on the calendar, [15JY]
- S. 1869**—A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [7JA], [8JA], [13JA], [15JA], [29JA]
- S. 1870**—An original bill to reauthorize and restructure adoption incentive payments, to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, to increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–137), [6FE]
Placed on the calendar, [6FE]
- S. 1871**—An original bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula and to improve beneficiary access under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–135), [16JA]
Placed on the calendar, [16JA]
- S. 1873**—A bill to provide for institutional risk-sharing in the Federal student loan programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [8AP]
- S. 1874**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen Federal-State partnerships in postsecondary education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [5JN]
- S. 1875**—A bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

- Cosponsors added, [8JA], [14JA], [16JA], [27JA], [4FE], [24FE], [4MR], [15MY], [4JN], [26JN], [9JY], [16JY], [28JY], [31JY]
- S. 1878**—A bill to better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent sex trafficking of children and serve the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [8JY]
- S. 1880**—A bill to provide that the annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 shall not apply to members retired for disability and to retired pay used to compute certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [13JA]
- S. 1881**—A bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [8JA], [9JA], [30AP]
- S. 1883**—A bill to extend duty-free treatment for certain trousers, breeches, or shorts imported from Nicaragua, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [4JN]
- S. 1885**—A bill to place conditions on assistance to the Government of Burma; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [18JN]
- S. 1891**—A bill to require a study and report by the Comptroller General regarding the restart provision of the Hours of Service Rules for Commercial Truck Drivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [13JA]
- S. 1893**—A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Cosponsors added, [11MR], [23JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–274), [17NO]
Placed on the calendar, [17NO]
- S. 1894**—A bill to provide for the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act if it is determined that the Act has resulted in increasing the number of uninsured individuals; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [6JA], [7JA]
- S. 1895**—A bill to establish a commission to examine the United States monetary policy, evaluate alternative monetary regimes, and recommend a course for monetary policy going forward; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN, [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [6FE]
- S. 1896**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit and provide designated allocations for areas impacted by a decline in manufacturing; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [7JA]
Cosponsors added, [15JA], [28JA], [5JN]
- S. 1897**—A bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Blumenthal), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [27JA]
- S. 1898**—A bill to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Coburn), [8JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–259), [16SE]
- Placed on the calendar, [16SE]
- S. 1899**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a consumer renewable credit for a utility that sells renewable power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [10MR]
- S. 1900**—A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [9JA]
- S. 1901**—A bill to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker), [9JA]
Reported (no written report), [15JA]
Placed on the calendar, [15JA]
Passed Senate, [27JA]
Passed House, [28JA]
Presented to the President (February 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–81] (signed February 12, 2014)
- S. 1902**—A bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Moran, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Burr), [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [14JA], [15JA], [16JA], [27JA], [28JA], [6FE]
- S. 1903**—A bill to provide greater fee disclosures for consumers who have prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER, [9JA]
- S. 1904**—A bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE, [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [12NO]
- S. 1905**—A bill to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Hoeven), [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [5JN]
- S. 1906**—A bill to establish the Office of Net Assessment within the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Kaine), [9JA]
- S. 1907**—A bill to amend a provision of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 regarding prohibitions on investments in certain funds to clarify that such provision shall not be construed to require the divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities or debt securities of collateralized loan obligations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Moran, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Wicker), [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [13JA], [14JA]
- S. 1908**—A bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Portman, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Graham, Mr. Burr, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Johanns), [9JA]
- Cosponsors added, [13JA], [15JA], [27JA], [30JA], [25FE], [11MR], [11AP], [14MY]
- S. 1909**—A bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [15JA], [16JA], [29JA], [30JA], [4FE], [22MY]
- S. 1910**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Pat Summitt, in recognition of her remarkable career as an unparalleled figure in women's team sports, and for her courage in speaking out openly and courageously about her battle with Alzheimer's; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. Corker), [9JA]
- S. 1911**—A bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Coburn), [9JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [11FE], [29AP]
- S. 1912**—A bill to clarify that certain banking entities are not required to divest from collateralized debt obligations backed by trust preferred securities under the Volcker Rule; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [9JA]
- S. 1913**—A bill to make permanent the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA]
- S. 1914**—A bill to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C., as the "Eliot Ness ATF Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Durbin), [13JA]
- S. 1915**—A bill to permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options to individuals; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [14JA]
- S. 1916**—A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for a county to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA]
- S. 1917**—A bill to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. Fischer), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [10MR]
Read the first time, [14JA]
Read the second time, [15JA]
Placed on the calendar, [15JA]
Objection is heard, [24FE]
Considered, [6MR]
Senate invoked cloture, [6MR]
Passed Senate, [10MR]
- S. 1918**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special change in status rule for employees who become eligible for TRICARE; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [14JA]

- S. 1919**—A bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Lee, Mr. Tester, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Murphy), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [15JA]
- S. 1920**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the research and development credit to encourage innovation; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. Coons), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [29JA], [6MR]
- S. 1921**—A bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Rubio), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [3DE]
- S. 1922**—A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the illegal trafficking of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits by requiring all program beneficiaries to show valid photo identification when purchasing items with program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. VITTER, [14JA]
- S. 1923**—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [28JA], [30JA], [24FE], [27FE], [1AP], [7AP], [10JY]
- S. 1924**—A bill to require a report on INF Treaty compliance information sharing; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Johanns), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA]
- S. 1925**—A bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Hatch, Mr. King, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Begich, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Coons, Mr. Portman, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Thune), [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [6FE], [27MR], [8AP], [29AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–255), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]
- S. 1926**—A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [14JA]
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [27JA], [28JA], [29JA]
Read the first time, [14JA]
Read the second time, [15JA]
Placed on the calendar, [15JA]
Motion to proceed considered, [16JA], [27JA], [28JA], [29JA]
Considered, [29JA]
Passed Senate amended, [30JA]
- S. 1927**—A bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [15JA]
- S. 1928**—A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to study the expenses incurred by the Pentagon to meet its renewable energy and energy efficiency mandates; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Flake, and Ms. Murkowski), [15JA]
- S. 1929**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the State of Alaska certain land for the purpose of building a road between the community of King Cove and the all-weather airport in Cold Bay, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BEGICH, [15JA]
- S. 1930**—A bill to repeal the annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PAUL, [15JA]
- S. 1931**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Portman, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Coats, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Hoeven), [15JA]
Read the first time, [15JA]
Read the second time, [16JA]
Placed on the calendar, [16JA]
- S. 1932**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare Better Care Program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [15JA]
- S. 1933**—A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Levin, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Markey), [15JA]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [6FE], [25JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–203), [26JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
- S. 1934**—A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [15JA]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
Passed Senate amended, [9SE]
Title amended, [9SE]
Passed House, [12NO]
Presented to the President (November 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–194] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 1935**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore access to diabetic testing supplies for Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Moran), [16JA]
- S. 1936**—A bill to improve the response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Inhofe), [16JA]
- S. 1937**—A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to develop contingency plans to address unexpected emergencies or natural disasters that may threaten to disrupt the administration of an election for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [16JA]
Reported (no written report), [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
- S. 1938**—A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Begich, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Wyden), [16JA]
- S. 1939**—A bill to repeal the War Powers Resolution and to provide for proper war powers consultation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. McCain, and Mr. King), [16JA]
- S. 1940**—A bill to provide reimbursement under the Medicaid Program to individuals and entities that provide voluntary non-emergency medical transportation to Medicaid beneficiaries for expenses related to no-load travel; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Leahy), [16JA]
- S. 1941**—A bill to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Johanns), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [10FE], [5MR], [24MR]
- S. 1942**—A bill to ensure that the United States promotes women’s meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Kirk, and Mrs. Shaheen), [16JA]
- S. 1943**—A bill to incentivize State support for postsecondary education and to promote increased access and affordability for higher education for students, including Dreamer students; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Hirono), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE]
- S. 1944**—A bill to amend XVIII of the Social Security Act to distribute additional information to Medicare beneficiaries to prevent health care fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Casey), [16JA]
- S. 1945**—A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Coons), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JN], [10SE], [12NO]
- S. 1946**—A bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Schatz, and Mrs. Feinstein), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [24FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–227), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 1947**—A bill to rename the Government Printing Office the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Chambliss), [16JA]
Reported (no written report), [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
- S. 1948**—A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

- By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Begich, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Mr. Baucus), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [4FE], [10MR], [14MY], [22MY], [13NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–265), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- S. 1949**—A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [16JA]
- S. 1950**—A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.
By Mr. SANDERS, [16JA]
Read the first time, [16JA]
Read the second time, [27JA]
Placed on the calendar, [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA], [29JA], [3FE], [4FE]
Motion to proceed considered, [29JA], [30JA], [3FE], [4FE]
- S. 1951**—A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to make responsible parties liable for certain costs relating to the release of pollutants or contaminants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [16JA]
- S. 1952**—A bill to provide support to develop career and technical education programs of study and facilities in the areas of renewable energy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [16JA]
- S. 1953**—A bill to amend certain provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Inspector General Improvement Act of 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA]
- S. 1954**—A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Thune), [16JA]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [10FE]
- S. 1955**—A bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Lee), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [10SE]
- S. 1956**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [28JA], [29JA], [30JA], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [13MR], [24MR], [28AP]
- S. 1957**—A bill to establish the American Infrastructure Fund, to provide bond guarantees and make loans to States, local governments, and infrastructure providers for investments in certain infrastructure projects, and to provide equity investments in such projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Warner, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. King, Mr. Graham, Mr. Coats, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Kirk), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [24FE], [14MY], [11JN]
- S. 1958**—A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to raise the per-incident cap on removal actions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [16JA]
- S. 1959**—A bill to criminalize the knowing use of commercial robocalls without the prior express written consent of the recipient, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [27JA]
- S. 1960**—A bill to require rulemaking by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address considerations in evaluating the need for public and individual disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 1961**—A bill to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Rockefeller), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [6MR], [31MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–238), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 1962**—A bill to establish the Pullman National Historical Park in the State of Illinois as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [27JA]
- S. 1963**—A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Begich), [27JA]
Read the first time, [27JA]
Read the second time, [28JA]
Placed on the calendar, [28JA]
Motion to proceed considered, [4FE], [6FE], [10FE], [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [10FE], [11FE]
Senate invoked cloture, [10FE]
Returned to the calendar, [12FE]
- S. 1964**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain flights from increased aviation security service fees; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Schatz), [27JA]
- S. 1965**—A bill to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Tester), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–228), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 1966**—A bill to provide for the restoration of the economic and ecological health of National Forest System land and rural communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [6FE]
- S. 1967**—A bill to provide for the management of certain inventoried roadless areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [28JA]
- S. 1968**—A bill to allow States to let Federal funds for the education of disadvantaged children follow low-income children to the accredited or otherwise State-approved public school, private school, or supplemental educational services program they attend; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Vitter), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [12NO]
- S. 1969**—A bill to provide for higher education reform; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Sanders), [29JA]
- S. 1970**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify safe harbor requirements applicable to automatic contribution arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Nelson), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [2JN]
- S. 1971**—A bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Wyden), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [9JN], [19JN], [25JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–296), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 1972**—A bill to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of an individual's status or history of unemployment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Murphy), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA], [10FE]
- S. 1973**—A bill to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [2JN]
- S. 1974**—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prohibit Federal education mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 1975**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [10AP]
- S. 1976**—A bill to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Nelson), [30JA]
- S. 1977**—A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wicker, and Ms. Collins), [30JA]
Read the first time, [30JA]
Read the second time, [3FE]
Placed on the calendar, [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [4FE], [10FE], [11FE], [12FE], [24FE]
- S. 1978**—A bill to increase access to primary care services through training and accountability improvements; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [10FE]
- S. 1979**—A bill to provide for USA Retirement Funds, to reform the pension system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [30JA]
Cosponsors added, [6FE], [3JN]

- S. 1980—A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment under the Medicaid Program and Children's Health Insurance Program and to promote quality care; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [27FE]
- S. 1981—A bill to provide that the rules of the Federal Communications Commission relating to preserving the open Internet and broadband industry practices shall be restored to effect until the date when the Commission takes final action in the proceedings on such rules that were remanded to the Commission by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Merkley), [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE]
- S. 1982—A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes. By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Begich, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Brown, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Heitkamp, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [3FE]
Read the first time, [3FE]
Read the second time, [4FE]
Placed on the calendar, [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [4FE], [6FE], [10FE], [11FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE], [1AP]
Motion to proceed considered, [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [26FE]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [25FE]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]
Considered, [26FE], [27FE]
- S. 1983—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. HELLER, [3FE]
- S. 1984—A bill to enhance penalties for computer crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. KIRK, [3FE]
Cosponsors added, [6FE]
- S. 1985—A bill to reauthorize and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides health services to veterans through qualifying non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. By Mr. MORAN, [3FE]
- S. 1986—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for outreach, and coordination of services, to veterans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Ms. Collins), [3FE]
- S. 1987—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for certain buildings of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [10FE]
- S. 1988—A bill to allow States to waive regulations promulgated under the Clean Air Act relating to electric generating units under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mr. INHOFE, [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 1989—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Coats), [4FE]
- S. 1990—A bill to prohibit aliens who are not lawfully present in the United States from being eligible for postsecondary education benefits that are not available to all citizens and nationals of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. VITTER, [4FE]
- S. 1991—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for amounts contributed to disaster savings accounts to help defray the cost of preparing their homes to withstand a disaster and to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed in a disaster; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. INHOFE, [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [6FE]
- S. 1992—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a standard definition of therapeutic foster care services in Medicaid; to the Committee on Finance. By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [4FE]
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [25MR], [1MY]
- S. 1993—A bill to protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Rubio), [4FE]
- S. 1994—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the availability of breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling under the TRICARE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services. By Mrs. McCASKILL, [4FE]
- S. 1995—A bill to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Markey), [4FE]
- S. 1996—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes. By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Heller, Mr. Tester, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Begich, Mr. Portman, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. Vitter), [4FE]
Read the first time, [4FE]
Read the second time, [6FE]
Placed on the calendar, [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [3AP], [10AP], [29AP]
- S. 1997—A bill to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. BAUCUS, [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S. 1998—A bill to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy; to the Committee on Indian Affairs. By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Begich), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [6MR], [27MR], [18JN]
- S. 1999—A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to require the consent of parties to contracts for the use of arbitration to resolve controversies arising under the contracts and subject to provisions of such Act and to preserve the rights of servicemembers to bring class actions under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. Reed), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [25FE], [1AP], [23JY]
- S. 2000—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [4MR], [1AP]
- S. 2001—A bill to require that textile and apparel articles acquired for use by executive agencies be manufactured from articles, materials, or supplies entirely grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. By Mr. BROWN, [6FE]
- S. 2002—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a motor and motor-driven systems market assessment and public awareness program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [6FE]
- S. 2003—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit for certain property under construction; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Heller), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [30JY]
- S. 2004—A bill to ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [1AP], [29AP], [6MY], [13MY], [14MY], [21MY], [3JN], [4JN], [12JN]
- S. 2005—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the reporting of certain hospital payment data under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [6FE]
- S. 2006—A bill to provide for the establishment of a National Rare Earth Refinery Cooperative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [6FE]
- S. 2007—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for regulating clinical and health software, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. King, and Mr. Rubio), [10FE]
- S. 2008—A bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Risch), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [24MR], [25MR], [31MR]
- S. 2009—A bill to improve the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in rural and highly rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heller), [10FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [29AP], [12MY], [20MY]
- S. 2010—A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. BARRASSO, [10FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–229), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 2011—A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether

- an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Thune, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Burr, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coats, Mr. Moran, Mr. Scott, Mr. Risch, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Graham, Mr. Johanns, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lee, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Portman, Mr. Paul, Mr. McCain, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Corker, Mr. Shelby, and Mr. Grassley), [11FE]
- Cosponsors added, [12FE]
- S. 2012**—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [11FE]
- Cosponsors added, [26FE], [7MY]
- S. 2013**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- By Mr. RUBIO, [11FE]
- Cosponsors added, [4MR], [13MR], [2AP], [3AP], [8AP], [28AP], [29AP], [30AP], [6MY], [12MY], [13MY], [14MY], [20MY], [21MY], [22MY], [2JN], [3JN], [4JN], [15JY]
- S. 2014**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for clarification regarding the children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- By Mr. DURBIN, [11FE]
- S. 2015**—A bill to help individuals receiving assistance under means-tested welfare programs obtain self-sufficiency, to provide information on total spending on means-tested welfare programs, to provide an overall spending limit on means-tested welfare programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Inhofe), [11FE]
- S. 2016**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California due to drought, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Merkley), [11FE]
- S. 2017**—A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Nelson), [12FE]
- S. 2018**—A bill to provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. BARRASSO, [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [9AP], [12MY]
- S. 2019**—A bill to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [12FE]
- Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–230), [31JY]
- Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 2020**—A bill to set forth the process for Puerto Rico to be admitted as a State of the Union; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [18JN]
- S. 2021**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. Grassley), [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [24FE], [25FE], [1AP]
- S. 2022**—A bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [28AP]
- Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–320), [8DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
- S. 2023**—A bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, and Ms. Warren), [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [8AP], [9JY], [30JY]
- S. 2024**—A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, with regard to the definition of “marriage” and “spouse” for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.
- By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Lee), [12FE]
- Read the first time, [12FE]
- Read the second time, [24FE]
- Placed on the calendar, [24FE]
- Cosponsors added, [24FE], [26FE], [11MR], [12MR], [24MR], [30AP]
- S. 2025**—A bill to require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of collected personal information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Markey), [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [2JN], [25JN]
- S. 2026**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Isakson), [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [24FE], [27FE]
- S. 2027**—A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [12FE]
- S. 2028**—A bill to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Thune), [12FE]
- Reported (S. Rept. 113–205), [7JY]
- Placed on the calendar, [7JY]
- S. 2029**—A bill to use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Booker), [12FE]
- S. 2030**—A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–279), [1DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [1DE]
- S. 2031**—A bill to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Ms. BALDWIN, [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [3JN]
- Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–297), [10DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 2032**—A bill to require mobile service providers and mobile device manufacturers to give consumers the ability to remotely delete data from mobile devices and render such devices inoperable; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Blumenthal), [12FE]
- S. 2033**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow the Secretary of Education to award job training Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Ms. LANDRIEU, [12FE]
- Cosponsors added, [22JY]
- S. 2034**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. SCHATZ, [24FE]
- S. 2035**—A bill to provide funding to the National Institute of Mental Health to support suicide prevention and brain research, including funding for the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. BEGICH, [24FE]
- Cosponsors added, [8MY]
- S. 2036**—A bill to protect all school children against harmful and life-threatening seclusion and restraint practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Ayotte), [24FE]
- Removal of cosponsors, [25FE]
- Cosponsors added, [26FE], [20MY]
- S. 2037**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Moran, Mr. Franken, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Collins, Mr. Johanns, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Kirk), [24FE]
- Cosponsors added, [27FE], [13MR], [24MR], [26MR], [10AP], [29AP], [5MY], [6MY], [20MY], [10JN], [26JN], [29JY], [8SE], [17NO]
- S. 2038**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. THUNE, [25FE]
- S. 2039**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that ITIN applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. CORNYN, [25FE]
- S. 2040**—A bill to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [25FE]
- Reported (S. Rept. 113–242), [5AU]
- Placed on the calendar, [5AU]
- Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
- Passed House, [2DE]
- Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–232] (signed December 16, 2014)
- S. 2041**—A bill to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

- By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. Risch), [25FE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–271), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- S. 2042**—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [8SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–239), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 2043**—A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Johanns), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [8MY]
- S. 2044**—A bill to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Johanns), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [7AP]
- S. 2045**—A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to secure the rights of visual artists to copyright, to provide for resale royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Markey), [26FE]
- S. 2046**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries coordinated care and greater choice with regard to accessing hearing health services and benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [11MR]
- S. 2047**—A bill to prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Brown), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [10JY], [20NO], [10DE]
- S. 2048**—A bill to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E–1 and E–2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCain, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schumer, and Mrs. Murray), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [27MR], [5JN]
- S. 2049**—A bill to curb unfair and deceptive practices during assertion of patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Rockefeller), [26FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR]
- S. 2050**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the national limitation amount for qualified highway or surface freight transfer facility bonds; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK, [27FE]
- S. 2051**—A bill to provide States with greater flexibility in innovative highway financing; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Warner), [27FE]
- S. 2052**—A bill to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Reed, and Mrs. Shaheen), [27FE]
- S. 2053**—A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action on the Capitol Grounds; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Markey), [27FE]
- Cosponsors added, [12MR], [7AP], [17NO]
- S. 2054**—A bill to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Harkin), [27FE]
- S. 2055**—A bill to allow for the collection of certain user fees by non-Federal entities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Pryor), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [1AP]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–309), [12DE]
Placed on the calendar, [12DE]
- S. 2056**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [27FE]
Reported (no written report), [9JY]
Placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [10JY]
- S. 2057**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [27FE]
Reported (no written report), [9JY]
Placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [10JY]
- S. 2058**—A bill to establish a loan guarantee program for natural gas distribution grids to be installed in areas with extremely high energy costs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. BEGICH, [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [13MR]
- S. 2059**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the purchase of heating and cooling equipment which meets the Energy Star program requirements and is used in certain high-cost energy communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH, [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [13MR]
- S. 2060**—A bill to direct the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board to develop accessibility guidelines for electronic instructional materials and related information technologies in institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Hatch), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [25JN]
- S. 2061**—A bill to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Begich), [27FE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–257), [16SE]
Placed on the calendar, [16SE]
Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
- S. 2062**—A bill to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law.
By Mr. PAUL, [27FE]
Read the first time, [27FE]
Read the second time, [3MR]
Placed on the calendar, [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [11MR]
- S. 2063**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [27FE]
- S. 2064**—A bill to provide for the repeal of certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that have the effect of rationing health care; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [27FE]
- S. 2065**—A bill to create incentives for the development of alternative fuel vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Levin), [27FE]
- S. 2066**—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [27FE]
Read the first time, [27FE]
Read the second time, [3MR]
Placed on the calendar, [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [13MR]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [5MY]
- S. 2067**—A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [27FE]
Read the first time, [27FE]
Read the second time, [3MR]
Placed on the calendar, [3MR]
Cosponsors added, [4MR], [13MR]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [5MY]
- S. 2068**—A bill to provide for the development and use of technology for personalized handguns, to require that, within 3 years, all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the United States incorporate such technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. Warren), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [13MR]
- S. 2069**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Hirono, and Ms. Landrieu), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [11MR], [13MR], [27MR], [18NO]
- S. 2070**—A bill to reduce the number of nuclear-armed submarines operated by the Navy, to prohibit the development of a new long-range penetrating bomber aircraft, to prohibit the procurement of new intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]
- S. 2071**—A bill to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BEGICH, [27FE]
- S. 2072**—A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRUZ, [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]
- S. 2073**—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]
- S. 2074**—A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Coons, Mr. Warner, Mr. Franken, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Collins, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Isakson), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]

- S. 2075**—A bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [27MR], [1AP], [28AP], [30JY]
- S. 2076**—A bill to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Wicker), [4MR]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–158), [14MY]
Placed on the calendar, [14MY]
Passed Senate amended, [26JN]
- S. 2077**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REED, [4MR]
Read the first time, [4MR]
Read the second time, [5MR]
Placed on the calendar, [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR]
- S. 2078**—A bill to prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Manchin), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [10AP]
- S. 2079**—A bill to establish a pilot program to hire individuals with alternative educational experience; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO, [5MR]
- S. 2080**—A bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [30AP]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–192), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 2081**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require notification of Congress by the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board regarding any violation of the Constitutional rights of taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS, [5MR]
- S. 2082**—A bill to provide for the development of criteria under the Medicare Program for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [13MR], [24MR], [25MR], [26MR], [10AP], [14MY], [20MY], [19JN], [29JY], [30JY], [31JY], [17SE]
- S. 2083**—A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to promote economic growth and job creation in the United States, to strengthen strategic partnerships with allies of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Begich), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR]
- S. 2084**—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [10DE]
- S. 2085**—A bill to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Baldwin), [5MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MR]
- S. 2086**—A bill to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Blunt), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [10MR], [12MR], [13MR]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–162), [20MY]
Placed on the calendar, [20MY]
Passed Senate amended, [21MY]
Passed House, [23JN]
Presented to the President (June 25, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–125] (signed June 30, 2014)
- S. 2087**—A bill to protect the Medicare Program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare Program; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Franken, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Begich), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [1AP], [20MY]
- S. 2088**—A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act with respect to the exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MARKEY, [6MR]
- S. 2089**—A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the Supplemental Security Income Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. Warren), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [11SE]
- S. 2090**—A bill to prohibit the export from the United States of certain electronic waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [6MR]
- S. 2091**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Moran, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Tester), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [26MR], [27MR], [7AP], [8AP], [10AP], [1MY], [14MY], [4JN], [5JN], [9JN], [18JN], [25JN], [26JN]
- S. 2092**—A bill to provide certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MARKEY, [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [29AP], [16JY], [17SE]
- S. 2093**—A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify the purposes of authorized collection of business records and to prohibit the bulk collection of metadata, to require judicial review of national security letters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WALSH, [6MR]
- S. 2094**—A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Ms. Hiron, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Markey, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Wicker), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [31MR], [1MY], [13MY], [12JN], [23JY], [11SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–304), [10DE]
- S. 2095**—A bill to reauthorize and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides health services to veterans through qualifying non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. King), [6MR]
Cosponsors added, [5JN]
- S. 2096**—A bill to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act of 2004 to provide for the authorization of liquefied natural gas terminals and related facilities necessary for the export of Alaska natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BEGICH, [6MR]
- S. 2097**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Portman, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Coats, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Kirk), [6MR]
Read the first time, [6MR]
Read the second time, [10MR]
Placed on the calendar, [10MR]
- S. 2098**—A bill to ratify and approve certain payments to school districts serving Yellowstone National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Walsh), [6MR]
- S. 2099**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish uniform requirements for thorough economic analysis of regulations by Federal agencies based on sound principles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COATS, [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR]
- S. 2100**—A bill to promote the use of clean cookstoves and fuels to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Durbin), [10MR]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [11AP], [1AU], [8SE]
- S. 2101**—A bill to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Heller, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [10MR]
- S. 2102**—A bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. COLLINS, [10MR]
- S. 2103**—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Roberts), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [26MR], [31MR], [1AP], [8AP], [10AP], [5JN], [19JN], [15JY], [23JY], [15SE], [18SE]
- S. 2104**—A bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the

- October 2013 shutdown; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Alexander, Mr. McCain, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Corker), [11MR]
Reported (S. Rept. 113-298), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 2105**—A bill to prohibit the Federal funding of a State firearms ownership database; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Moran, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Collins, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Johanns), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [24MR]
- S. 2106**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [24MR], [8AP], [9AP]
- S. 2107**—A bill to increase students' and borrowers' access to student loan information within the National Student Loan Data System, and to encourage improved outreach to and communication with borrowers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [5JN]
- S. 2108**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage teachers to pursue teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subjects at elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [11MR]
- S. 2109**—A bill to eliminate duplicative, outdated, or unnecessary congressionally mandated Federal agency reporting; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [1AP], [30JY]
- S. 2110**—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes.
By Mr. WYDEN, [11MR]
Read the first time, [11MR]
Read the second time, [12MR]
Placed on the calendar, [12MR]
- S. 2111**—A bill to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MCCAIN, [12MR]
- S. 2112**—A bill to authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, and Mr. Enzi), [12MR]
- S. 2113**—A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Begich, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Flake, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Scott, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Warner), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [12MY], [17NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-243), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- S. 2114**—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to disclosures to investors in municipal and corporate debt securities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [12MR]
- S. 2115**—A bill to provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Reed, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Markey, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Hagan), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [30JY], [17NO], [19NO]
- S. 2116**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with Indian tribes, to make grants, competitive grants, and special research grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements and other contracting instruments with, eligible entities to conduct research and education and training programs to protect and preserve Native American seeds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [12MR]
- S. 2117**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [23JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113-244), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate amended, [16SE]
- S. 2118**—A bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Scott, Mr. Moran, Mr. Paul, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Isakson), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [13MR], [2AP], [9AP], [28AP], [23JY]
- S. 2119**—A bill to amend the Head Start Act to authorize block grants to States for prekindergarten education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. LEE, [12MR]
- S. 2120**—A bill to expand the prohibition on the manufacture, distribution, and importation of children's products that contain phthalates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [12MR]
- S. 2121**—A bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Tester), [12MR]
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
- S. 2122**—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Cornyn), [12MR]
Read the first time, [12MR]
Read the second time, [13MR]
Placed on the calendar, [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [24MR], [31MR]
- S. 2123**—A bill to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [12MR]
- S. 2124**—An original bill to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [12MR]
Motion to proceed considered, [13MR], [24MR], [25MR]
Reported (no written report), [12MR]
Placed on the calendar, [12MR]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [24MR]
Motion to proceed is withdrawn, [25MR]
- S. 2125**—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [25MR], [26MR], [31MR], [7AP], [11AP], [29AP], [21MY], [4JN], [13NO]
- S. 2126**—A bill to launch a national strategy to support regenerative medicine through the establishment of a Regenerative Medicine Coordinating Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Kirk), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [20MY], [23JN]
- S. 2127**—A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Grassley, and Ms. Murkowski), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [27MR]
- S. 2128**—A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the "Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [13MR]
- S. 2129**—A bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to improve technology transfer at the Department of Energy by reducing bureaucratic barriers to industry, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, as well as ensure that public investments in research and development generate the greatest return on investment for taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [13MR]
- S. 2130**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to temporarily waive certain vehicle weight limits for covered logging vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [13MR]
- S. 2131**—A bill to amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to strengthen Coast Guard prevention and response capabilities in the Arctic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Cantwell), [13MR]
- S. 2132**—A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. McCain, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Enzi), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [2AP], [1MY], [20MY], [22MY], [10JY], [28JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-224), [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]
- S. 2133**—A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other statutes to clarify appropriate liability standards for Federal antidiscrimination claims; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Warren, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Franken), [13MR]

- Cosponsors added, [25MR], [7AP], [13MY], [19JN], [30JY]
- S. 2134**—A bill to withdraw approval for the drug Zohydro ER and prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from approving such drug unless it is reformulated to prevent abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MANCHIN, [13MR]
- S. 2135**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that products derived from tar sands are crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Levin), [13MR]
- S. 2136**—A bill to ensure that oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline into the United States is used to reduce United States dependence on Middle Eastern oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [13MR]
- S. 2137**—A bill to ensure that holders of flood insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program do not receive premium refunds for coverage of second homes.
By Mr. LEE, [13MR]
Passed Senate, [13MR]
- S. 2138**—A bill to provide a payroll tax holiday for newly hired veterans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [13MR]
- S. 2139**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for small business stock, to provide incentives for small business high technology research investment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [13MR]
- S. 2140**—A bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [2AP], [10AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–318), [4DE]
Placed on the calendar, [4DE]
- S. 2141**—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [8AP], [11AP], [29AP], [8MY], [21MY], [2JN], [24JN], [8JY], [29JY], [31JY], [17SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Passed Senate amended, [17SE]
Passed House, [13NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–195] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 2142**—A bill to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Kirk), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [9AP]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–175), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Passed Senate amended, [8DE]
Passed House, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–278] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2143**—A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [31JY]
- S. 2144**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply Medicare competitive bidding to vacuum erection systems and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a national mail order program for such devices; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [13MR]
- S. 2145**—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Durbin), [13MR]
- S. 2146**—A bill to establish a United States Patent and Trademark Office Innovation Promotion Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Coburn, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Flake), [13MR]
Cosponsors added, [7AP]
- S. 2147**—A bill to amend Public Law 112–59 to provide for the display of the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to the Montford Point Marines, United States Marine Corps, by the Smithsonian Institution and at other appropriate locations.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Nelson), [13MR]
Passed Senate, [13MR]
- S. 2148**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Collins, Mr. Booker, Mr. Portman, Mr. Brown, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Kirk), [13MR]
Read the first time, [13MR]
Read the second time, [24MR]
Placed on the calendar, [24MR]
- S. 2149**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Collins, Mr. Booker, Mr. Portman, Mr. Brown, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Kirk), [24MR]
Read the first time, [24MR]
Read the second time, [25MR]
Placed on the calendar, [25MR]
- S. 2150**—A bill to advance the public health by encouraging independent innovators to pursue drug repurposing research and develop new treatments and cures by providing appropriate intellectual property protections for those innovations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [24MR]
- S. 2151**—A bill to enhance the early warning reporting requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- S. 2152**—A bill to direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HEITKAMP, [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [21MY], [5JN]
- S. 2153**—A bill to establish a National Regulatory Budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. RUBIO, [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [26MR], [31MR]
- S. 2154**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [12MY], [21MY], [16JN], [14JY], [22JY], [23JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Passed Senate amended, [10SE]
Passed House, [16SE]
Presented to the President (September 18, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–180] (signed September 26, 2014)
- S. 2155**—A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to create a Federal Spectrum Reallocation Commission, to provide for the use of a portion of the proceeds from the auction of reallocated Federal spectrum for deficit reduction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. KIRK, [25MR]
- S. 2156**—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to confirm the scope of the authority of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to deny or restrict the use of defined areas as disposal sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [9AP], [20MY], [22MY], [7JY], [16JY], [17JY], [9SE]
- S. 2157**—A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments, and for other purposes.
By Mr. WYDEN, [25MR]
Read the first time, [25MR]
Read the second time, [26MR]
Placed on the calendar, [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
- S. 2158**—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and physical and other threats and vulnerabilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MARKEY, [26MR]
- S. 2159**—A bill to restore long-standing United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Lee, Ms. Ayotte, and Mrs. Feinstein), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [19NO]
- S. 2160**—A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Tester, Mr. Barrasso, and Ms. Heitkamp), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [28AP]
- S. 2161**—A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from issuing any final rule under the Clean Air Act until the date on which the Administrator improves certain employment effect analyses under that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Flake, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Moran, Mr. Risch, Mr. Scott, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Lee, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Graham), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
- S. 2162**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a deduction for married couples who are both employed and have young children and to increase the earned income tax credit for childless workers, and to provide for budget offsets; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Brown), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [21MY], [4JN]
- S. 2163**—A bill to establish an emergency watershed protection disaster assistance fund to be available to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance for any natural disaster; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

- By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [26MR]
Cosponsors added, [1AP], [10AP]
- S. 2164**—A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Casey, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Merkley), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2165**—A bill to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Markey), [27MR]
- S. 2166**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify provisions relating to determinations of full-time equivalent employees for purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Warner, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Klobuchar), [27MR]
- S. 2167**—A bill to establish a grant program for career education in computer science; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [27MR]
- S. 2168**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of large employer for purposes of applying the employer mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Warner, Mr. Begich, Mr. Manchin, and Mr. King), [27MR]
- S. 2169**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax regarding the taxation of distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [2JN], [9JN]
- S. 2170**—A bill to free the private sector to harness domestic energy resources to create jobs and generate economic growth by removing statutory and administrative barriers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CRUZ, [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP]
- S. 2171**—A bill to address voluntary location tracking of electronic communications devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Ms. Warren), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [2AP], [3AP], [5JN]
- S. 2172**—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to improve nonretaliation provisions relating to equal pay requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [17JN]
- S. 2173**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide a permanent path for the direct enrollment of individuals in qualified health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Warner, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Begich), [27MR]
- S. 2174**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide greater flexibility in offering health insurance coverage across State lines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Begich, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Klobuchar), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [16SE]
- S. 2175**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to enhance access for independent agents and brokers to information regarding marketplace enrollment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Warner, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Begich), [27MR]
- S. 2176**—A bill to revise reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to preserve the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Begich, Mr. Manchin, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Ms. Klobuchar), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [1AP], [22MY], [11JN], [8DE]
- S. 2177**—A bill to establish an Office of Forensic Science and a Forensic Science Board, to strengthen and promote confidence in the criminal justice system by ensuring scientific validity, reliability, and accuracy in forensic testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [6MY]
- S. 2178**—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings and the identification of pre-election issues, and to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the National Labor Relations Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Barrasso), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [1AP], [7AP], [10AP], [1MY]
- S. 2179**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish benefits for homeless veterans to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces under other than honorable conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [27MR]
- S. 2180**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [27MR]
- S. 2181**—A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Schatz), [27MR]
- S. 2182**—A bill to expand and improve care provided to veterans and members of the Armed Forces with mental health disorders or at risk of suicide, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WALSH (for himself and Mr. Tester), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [31MR], [2AP], [10AP], [29AP], [1MY], [7MY], [22MY], [10JN], [16JY], [17JY], [28JY], [29JY], [31JY], [15SE]
- S. 2183**—A bill entitled "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions".
By Mr. McCONNELL, [27MR]
Passed Senate, [27MR]
Passed House, [1AP]
Presented to the President (April 3, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113-96] (signed April 3, 2014)
- S. 2184**—A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in The Dalles, Oregon, as the "Loren R. Kaufman Memorial Veterans' Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [31MR]
- S. 2185**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [31MR]
- S. 2186**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum Medicare payment rate for primary care services furnished by primary care physicians; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH, [31MR]
- S. 2187**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH, [31MR]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [18JN], [8JY], [14JY], [18NO]
- S. 2188**—A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Begich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Walsh), [31MR]
Cosponsors added, [8AP], [11JN], [24JN], [15JY], [22JY], [16SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- S. 2189**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and extend the deduction for new and existing energy-efficient commercial buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Schatz), [1AP]
- S. 2190**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Burr, Mr. Kirk, Mr. McCain, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Scott, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Wicker), [1AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [9AP], [12MY]
- S. 2191**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Chambliss), [1AP]
- S. 2192**—A bill to amend the National Alzheimer's Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such an Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [1AP]
Cosponsors added, [28AP], [1MY], [5MY], [6MY], [13MY], [2JN], [3JN], [5JN], [10JN], [12JN], [17JN], [23JN], [26JN], [7JY], [9JY], [16JY], [31JY], [17SE], [18SE], [18NO]

- S. 2193**—A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Paul), [1AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY]
- S. 2194**—A bill to improve the Federal Pell Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Whitehouse), [1AP]
Cosponsors added, [2AP], [7MY], [1AU]
- S. 2195**—A bill to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has engaged in espionage activities against the United States, poses a threat to United States national security interests, or has engaged in a terrorist activity against the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [1AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [8AP]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [7AP]
Passed House, [10AP]
Presented to the President (April 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–100] (signed April 18, 2014)
- S. 2196**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to limit the liability of health care professionals who volunteer to provide health care services in response to a disaster; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [1AP]
- S. 2197**—A bill to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Roberts), [1AP]
Reported (no written report), [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
Passed Senate, [8MY]
- S. 2198**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California and other Western States due to drought, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Reid, Mr. Heller, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Durbin, and Ms. Stabenow), [1AP]
Read the first time, [1AP]
Read the second time, [2AP]
Placed on the calendar, [2AP]
Cosponsors added, [2AP], [22MY]
Passed Senate amended, [22MY]
- S. 2199**—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [1AP]
Read the first time, [1AP]
Read the second time, [2AP]
Placed on the calendar, [2AP]
Motion to proceed considered, [7AP], [8AP], [9AP], [10SE], [11SE]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [8AP], [9AP], [23JY], [10SE]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [10SE]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [11SE]
Considered, [11SE]
Cloture motion rejected, [15SE]
- S. 2200**—A bill to provide debit card holders with consumer protections equivalent to those available to credit card holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [2AP]
- S. 2201**—A bill to limit the level of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Coburn), [2AP]
- S. 2202**—A bill to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. Graham), [2AP]
Cosponsors added, [23JY]
- S. 2203**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the tax treatment for certain build America bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MARKEY, [3AP]
- S. 2204**—A bill to establish the Proprietary Education Oversight Coordination Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Brown), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [16JN], [17JN]
- S. 2205**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain small businesses from the employer health insurance mandate and to modify the definition of full-time employee for purposes of such mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Thune), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [8AP]
- S. 2206**—A bill to streamline the collection and distribution of government information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [23JN], [8JY], [9DE]
- S. 2207**—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require all political committees to notify the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of receiving cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more from any contributor during a calendar year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. KING, [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 2208**—A bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [4JN]
- S. 2209**—A bill to require a report on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Kaine, and Mrs. Shaheen), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [7MY]
- S. 2210**—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance certain improvements to school lunch facilities, to train school food service personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. Heitkamp), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [5MY], [16SE], [18SE]
- S. 2211**—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to protect the enrollment of incarcerated youth for medical assistance under the Medicaid Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Booker), [3AP]
- S. 2212**—A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to strengthen the review authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council of regulations issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP]
- S. 2213**—A bill to replace the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with a five-person Commission; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP]
- By Mrs. FISCHER, [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [12MY]
- S. 2214**—A bill to prevent a taxpayer bailout of health insurance issuers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RUBIO, [7AP]
- S. 2215**—A bill to protect taxpayers from improper audits by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [7AP]
- S. 2216**—A bill to provide small businesses with a grace period for a regulatory violation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PAUL, [7AP]
- S. 2217**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the participation of mental health professionals in boards for the correction of military records and boards for the review of the discharge or dismissal of members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Walsh), [7AP]
- S. 2218**—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of certain territories and regions for designation for participation in the visa waiver program and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Kirk, and Ms. Klobuchar), [8AP]
- S. 2219**—A bill to require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to update a report on the role of telecommunications, including the Internet, in the commission of hate crimes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MARKEY, [8AP]
- S. 2220**—A bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [8AP]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]
- S. 2221**—A bill to extend the authorization for the Automobile National Heritage Area in Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. LEVIN, [8AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP]
- S. 2222**—A bill to require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the sexual assault prevention activities of the Department of Defense and the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. WALSH, [8AP]
- S. 2223**—A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Reid), [8AP]
Read the first time, [8AP]
Read the second time, [9AP]
Placed on the calendar, [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [9AP], [10AP], [28AP], [1MY], [9SE]
Motion to proceed considered, [10AP], [28AP], [29AP], [30AP]
- S. 2224**—A bill to enhance the accuracy of credit reporting and provide greater rights to consumers who dispute errors in their credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Brown, Ms. Warren, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Blumenthal), [9AP]
- S. 2225**—A bill to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [9AP]

- S. 2226—A bill to establish a WaterSense program within the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mrs. Boxer), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [7MY]
- S. 2227—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for property certified by the Environmental Protection Agency under the WaterSense Program; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [9AP]
- S. 2228—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to consider projects involving rural communities in the selection of alternative water source projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [9AP]
- S. 2229—A bill to expand primary care access; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS, [9AP]
- S. 2230—A bill to provide the legal framework necessary for the growth of innovative private financing options for students to fund postsecondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [9AP]
- S. 2231—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide an individual with a mental health assessment before the individual enlists in the Armed Forces or is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [6MY], [22MY], [9JY], [10JY], [8SE]
- S. 2232—A bill to protect the right to freedom of speech secured by the First Amendment to the Constitution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [9AP]
- S. 2233—A bill to provide tax relief for major disaster areas declared in 2012 and 2013 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Booker), [9AP]
- S. 2234—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Scott), [9AP]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [17JY]
- S. 2235—A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Booker, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Sanders, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [26JN], [8JY]
- S. 2236—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance efforts to address antimicrobial resistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN, [10AP]
- S. 2237—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an elective safe harbor for the expensing by small businesses of the costs of acquiring or producing tangible property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Cantwell), [10AP]
- S. 2238—A bill to ensure that the United States Government in no way recognizes Russia's annexation of Crimea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kirk, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Portman), [10AP]
- Cosponsors added, [5JN]
- S. 2239—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose certain return information related to identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. Warner), [10AP]
- S. 2240—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COONS (for Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Blumenthal)), [10AP]
- S. 2241—A bill to enhance the safety of drug-free playgrounds; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BEGICH, [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2242—A bill to establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. COATS, [10AP]
- S. 2243—A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 2244—A bill to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Reed, Mr. Heller, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Warner, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Menendez), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [29AP], [1MY], [20MY], [22MY], [17JN], [15JY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113-199), [23JN]
Placed on the calendar, [23JN]
Motion to proceed considered, [9JY], [10JY]
Passed Senate amended, [17JY]
Passed House amended, [10DE]
- S. 2245—A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to streamline the District's legislative process and conserve taxpayer dollars; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Carper), [10AP]
- S. 2246—A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the Government of the District of Columbia to determine the fiscal year period, to make local funds of the District of Columbia for a fiscal year available for use by the District upon enactment of the local budget act for the year subject to a period of congressional review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Carper), [10AP]
- S. 2247—A bill to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [10AP]
- S. 2248—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the number of children eligible for free school meals, with a phased-in transition period, with an offset; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [29AP], [18SE]
- S. 2249—A bill to amend the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribution Act to extend a certain income tax exemption to the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. Klobuchar), [10AP]
- S. 2250—A bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Begich, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Reid, Mr. Heller, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Warner, Mr. Graham, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Shaheen, and Ms. Mikulski), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP], [9JN], [9JY], [10JY], [28JY], [31JY], [15SE], [18SE], [17NO], [18NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-234), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 2251—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to develop and test an expanded and advanced role for direct care workers who provide long-term services and supports to older individuals in efforts to coordinate care and improve the efficiency of service delivery; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Franken), [10AP]
- S. 2252—A bill to reaffirm the importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, to ensure that the Federal Reserve Board of Governors has a member who has previous experience in community banking or community banking supervision, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Kirk), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [11AP], [29AP], [30AP], [1MY], [9JN], [14JY]
- S. 2253—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a temporary shift in the scheduled collection of the transitional reinsurance program payments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, and Ms. Klobuchar), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- S. 2254—A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Franken, Mr. Booker, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Merkley), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [17JY]
- S. 2255—A bill to remove the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from treatment as terrorist organizations and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [1MY], [12MY], [2JN]
- S. 2256—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WALSH (for himself and Mr. Tester), [11AP]
- S. 2257—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from the tax on early distributions for certain Bureau of Prisons correctional officers who retire before age 55, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [28AP]
- S. 2258—A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and

- the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- By Mr. REID (for Mr. Begich (for himself, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Burr, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Tester, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Heller, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Moran)), [28AP]
- Cosponsors added, [9SE], [10SE], [11SE]
- Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11SE]
- Passed House, [16SE]
- Presented to the President (September 18, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–181] (signed September 26, 2014)
- S. 2259**—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow for data collection about military-connected students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Cardin), [28AP]
- S. 2260**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. WYDEN, [28AP]
- Reported (S. Rept. 113–154), [28AP]
- Placed on the calendar, [28AP]
- Motion to proceed considered, [7MY]
- S. 2261**—An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, to remove provisions that are no longer applicable, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. WYDEN, [28AP]
- Reported (S. Rept. 113–155), [28AP]
- Placed on the calendar, [28AP]
- S. 2262**—A bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.
- By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Aytte, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Franken, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Manchin, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Wicker), [28AP]
- Read the first time, [28AP]
- Read the second time, [29AP]
- Placed on the calendar, [29AP]
- Motion to proceed considered, [1MY], [5MY], [6MY], [7MY]
- Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [6MY]
- Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [7MY]
- Considered, [7MY]
- S. 2263**—A bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. McCaskill), [28AP]
- Cosponsors added, [30AP], [1MY]
- S. 2264**—A bill to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Rockefeller), [28AP]
- S. 2265**—A bill to prohibit certain assistance to the Palestinian Authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Moran, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Coats, Mr. Graham, Mr. Burr, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Lee), [29AP]
- Cosponsors added, [1MY], [7MY]
- Objection is heard to request for consideration, [7JY]
- S. 2266**—A bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to establish a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by certain diseases is the result of the performance of the duties of the employee; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. Collins), [29AP]
- S. 2267**—A bill to modify chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for theft of trade secrets; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [29AP]
- S. 2268**—A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for all hazards preparedness in the border area including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [29AP]
- S. 2269**—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to prepare individuals with multiple barriers to employment to enter the workforce by providing such individuals with support services, job training, and education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [29AP]
- S. 2270**—A bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Tester), [29AP]
- Cosponsors added, [30AP], [6MY], [7MY], [12MY], [13MY], [20MY], [21MY], [22MY], [2JN], [3JN]
- Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [3JN]
- Passed House, [10DE]
- Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–279] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2271**—A bill to establish the Green Bank to assist in the financing of qualified clean energy projects and qualified energy efficiency projects; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [30AP]
- S. 2272**—A bill to prohibit discretionary bonuses for employees of the Internal Revenue Service who have engaged in misconduct or who have delinquent tax liability; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [30AP]
- S. 2273**—A bill to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
- By Mr. UDALL of Colorado, [30AP]
- Cosponsors added, [20MY]
- S. 2274**—A bill to expedite decisions on applications for authorization to export natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Heitkamp), [30AP]
- S. 2275**—A bill to expand project eligibility to certain public infrastructure projects under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Merkley), [1MY]
- S. 2276**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.
- By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Franken), [1MY]
- Cosponsors added, [8MY], [20MY], [22MY]
- S. 2277**—A bill to prevent further Russian aggression toward Ukraine and other sovereign states in Europe and Eurasia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Aytte, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Rubio, Mr. McCain, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coats, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Portman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Thune, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Flake, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Burr), [1MY]
- Cosponsors added, [6MY]
- S. 2278**—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act so as to eliminate the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to limit the ability of medical providers to conduct lawful business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Paul, and Mr. Barrasso), [1MY]
- S. 2279**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. LEE, [1MY]
- Cosponsors added, [15MY]
- S. 2280**—A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.
- By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Portman, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Thune, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Flake, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Lee, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Scott, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Coburn, Mr. McCain, Mr. Corker, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Risch, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Burr, Mr. Graham, Mr. Heller, Mr. Paul, Mr. Moran, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Aytte, Ms. Collins, Mr. Begich, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Warner, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Tester, and Mrs. Hagan), [1MY]
- Read the first time, [1MY]
- Read the second time, [5MY]
- Placed on the calendar, [5MY]
- Failed of passage, [18NO]
- S. 2281**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical improvements to the Net Price Calculator system so that prospective students may have a more accurate understanding of the true cost of college; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [1MY]
- Cosponsors added, [11JN]
- S. 2282**—A bill to prohibit the provision of performance awards to employees of the Internal Revenue Service who owe back taxes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Thune, Mr. Rubio, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Isakson), [1MY]
- Cosponsors added, [5MY], [7MY], [20MY], [11JN]
- S. 2283**—A bill to encourage enhanced security cooperation with European allies and continued enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [1MY]
- S. 2284**—A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Schatz), [1MY]
- Cosponsors added, [13MY]
- S. 2285**—A bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Levin, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Landrieu), [1MY]
- Cosponsors added, [13MY], [9JN]
- S. 2286**—A bill to provide for greater oversight of Department of Defense service contracts; to the Committee on Armed Services.
- By Mr. WALSH, [1MY]
- S. 2287**—A bill to facilitate the development and commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Walsh), [5MY]
- S. 2288**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand existing tax credits to encourage

- the capture, utilization, and sequestration of carbon dioxide; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [5MY]
Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. 2289**—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. Inhofe) (by request), [5MY]
- S. 2290**—A bill to increase the maximum penalty for unfair and deceptive practices relating to advertising of the costs of air transportation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [5MY]
- S. 2291**—A bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Warren, Mr. Tester, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coons, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Begich, Mr. Franken, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Markey), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [16JN], [18JN]
- S. 2292**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Brown, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Franken, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Heinrich), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [8MY], [14MY], [15MY], [20MY], [3JN]
- S. 2293**—A bill to clarify the status of the North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Levin, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Blumenthal), [6MY]
- S. 2294**—A bill to require a survey of the preferences of members of the Armed Forces regarding military pay and benefits; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [6MY]
- S. 2295**—A bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Graham, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Tester, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Risch, Mr. Coons, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Lee, Mr. Markey, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Cardin), [6MY]
Cosponsors added, [7MY], [8MY], [12MY], [13MY], [14MY], [15MY], [21MY], [22MY], [12JN], [17JN]
- S. 2296**—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to employ at least three decision review officers at each regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [7MY]
- S. 2297**—A bill to make demonstration grants to eligible local educational agencies or consortia of eligible local educational agencies for the purpose of reducing the student-to-school nurse ratio in public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER, [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 2298**—A bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. Collins), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [9JN], [16JN], [17JN], [23JN], [25JN], [9JY], [18SE], [12NO]
- S. 2299**—A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Begich, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. King), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–266), [10C]
- S. 2300**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to conduct periodic mental health assessments for members of the Armed Forces and to submit reports with respect to mental health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [7MY]
- S. 2301**—A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Portman, Mr. Markey, Mr. Toomey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Grassley, Mr. McCain, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Pryor), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [2JN], [9JN], [16JN], [10JY], [22JY], [29JY], [30JY], [20NO], [11DE]
- S. 2302**—A bill to provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Portman), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [12MY], [14MY], [20MY], [21MY]
Removal of cosponsors, [22MY]
- S. 2303**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [7MY]
- S. 2304**—A bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Paul, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Scott, Mr. Booker, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Carper, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Cruz), [7MY]
Cosponsors added, [8MY], [12MY], [21MY], [23JN]
- S. 2305**—A bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Merkley, and Ms. Baldwin), [8MY]
Cosponsors added, [12MY], [13MY], [15MY], [21JY], [12NO]
- S. 2306**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Booker, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Casey), [8MY]
- S. 2307**—A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Collins, Mr. Kirk, and Mrs. Shaheen), [8MY]
Cosponsors added, [13MY], [15MY], [22MY], [2JN], [5JN], [10JN], [11JN], [18JN], [23JN], [25JN], [8JY], [14JY], [30JY], [12NO]
- S. 2308**—A bill to designate Union Station in Washington, DC, as “Harry S. Truman Union Station”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Rockefeller), [8MY]
- S. 2309**—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prison; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Manchin), [8MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [21JY], [31JY]
- S. 2310**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mother’s Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [8MY]
- S. 2311**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Walsh), [8MY]
Cosponsors added, [13MY]
- S. 2312**—A bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 32, United States Code, to eliminate inequities in the treatment of National Guard technicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. REED, [8MY]
- S. 2313**—A bill to prohibit congressional recesses until Congress adopts a concurrent resolution on the budget that results in a balanced federal budget by fiscal year 2024 and to control congressional travel budgets; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WALSH, [8MY]
- S. 2314**—A bill to delegate to the Secretary of State the authority to approve or deny certain permits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WALSH, [8MY]
- S. 2315**—A bill to expand the Global Entry Program and strengthen the Model Ports of Entry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Scott), [8MY]
- S. 2316**—A bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. THUNE, [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [14MY], [15MY], [20MY], [21MY]
- S. 2317**—A bill to restrict confidentiality agreements that prohibit the disclosure of information relating to hazards to public safety or health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [12MY]
- S. 2318**—A bill to reauthorize the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [12MY]
- S. 2319**—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for

- injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FLAKE, [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2320—A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN, [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S. 2321—A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to ensure fairness in the establishment of certain rates and fees under sections 114 and 115 of such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. HATCH (for Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Corker, and Mr. Hatch)), [12MY]
Cosponsors added, [2JN]
- S. 2322—A bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Carper, and Mr. Barrasso), [12MY]
- S. 2323—A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN, [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [15JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–249), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Passed Senate, [10SE]
- S. 2324—A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to prohibit certain waivers and exemptions from emergency preparedness and response and security regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Markey), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]
- S. 2325—A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the expansion of emergency planning zones and the development of plans for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Sanders), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [18JN]
- S. 2326—A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for consultation with State and local governments, the consideration of State and local concerns, and the approval of post-shutdown decommissioning activities reports by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Markey), [13MY]
- S. 2327—A bill to make continuing appropriations for certain programs that benefit sportsmen in the event of a lapse in appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. WALSH, [13MY]
- S. 2328—A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to preclude law firms and licensed attorneys from the definition of a debt collector when taking certain actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Warner), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]
- S. 2329—A bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Casey, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Risch, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Graham), [13MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [2JN], [4JN], [9JN], [12JN], [16JN], [25JN], [26JN], [7JY], [10JY], [15JY], [16JY], [21JY], [23JY], [24JY], [28JY], [29JY], [30JY], [31JY], [11SE], [18SE], [12NO]
- S. 2330—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to improve futures and swaps trading, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. CHAMBLISS, [13MY]
- S. 2331—A bill to establish the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Innovation Fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [13MY]
- S. 2332—A bill to expand benefits to the families of public safety officers who suffer fatal climate-related injuries sustained in the line of duty and proximately resulting in death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Portman), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]
- S. 2333—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain behavioral health treatment under TRICARE for children and adults with developmental disabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Rubio), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [19JN], [30JY], [31JY]
- S. 2334—A bill to amend the Small Business Act and title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consolidated definition of a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Burr), [14MY]
- S. 2335—A bill to exempt certain 16 and 17 year-old children employed in logging or mechanized operations from child labor laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. RISCH, [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [21MY], [15JY]
- S. 2336—A bill to eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. RUBIO, [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S. 2337—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Franken, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Begich, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Levin, and Mr. Pryor), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [19JN], [13NO]
- S. 2338—A bill to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Thune), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [5JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–281), [1DE]
Placed on the calendar, [1DE]
Passed Senate, [11DE]
Passed House, [12DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–280] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2339—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require States with failed American Health Benefit Exchanges to reimburse the Federal Government for amounts provided under grants for the establishment and operation of such Exchanges; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Enzi, Mr. McCain, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Chambliss), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [20MY]
- S. 2340—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary to provide for the use of data from the second preceding tax year to carry out the simplification of applications for the estimation and determination of financial aid eligibility, to increase the income threshold to qualify for zero expected family contribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BOOKER, [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [11JN], [14JY], [15JY], [22JY], [28JY], [31JY]
- S. 2341—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the authority for members of the Armed Forces to obtain professional credentials; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. KAINE, [15MY]
- S. 2342—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect children’s health by denying any deduction for advertising and marketing directed at children to promote the consumption of food of poor nutritional quality; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Harkin), [15MY]
- S. 2343—A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require mandatory reporting of incidents of child abuse or neglect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [15MY]
- S. 2344—A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [15MY]
- S. 2345—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water and sewage facilities; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [15MY]
- S. 2346—A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails, and to designate the American Discovery Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [25JN], [26JN]
- S. 2347—A bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit the extent to which States may tax the compensation earned by nonresident telecommuters and other multi-State workers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [15MY]
- S. 2348—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [16SE], [17SE], [18SE], [17NO], [20NO], [4DE]
- S. 2349—A bill to establish a grant program to enable States to promote participation in dual enrollment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Reed), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [21MY], [5JN], [23JN], [26JN]
- S. 2350—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the role of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in the assignment of Directors and Deputy Directors of the Army National Guard and

- Air National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. HIRONO, [15MY]
- S. 2351**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide notice to charities and other nonprofit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COATS, [15MY]
- S. 2352**—A bill to re-impose sanctions on Russian arms exporter Rosoboronexport; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Cornyn), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [5JN]
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged, [28JY]
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [28JY]
- S. 2353**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [15MY]
- S. 2354**—A bill to improve cybersecurity recruitment and retention; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER, [20MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–207), [14JY]
Placed on the calendar, [14JY]
- S. 2355**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
- S. 2356**—A bill to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Reid, and Mrs. Feinstein), [20MY]
- S. 2357**—A bill to provide for improvements in the consistency of data collection, reporting, and assessment in connection with the suicide prevention efforts of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [20MY]
- S. 2358**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize additional leave for members of the Armed Forces in connection with the birth of a child; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]
- S. 2359**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Barrasso), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [5JN], [10JN], [23JN], [30JY], [31JY], [12NO]
- S. 2360**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Hirono, Mr. King, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Warren, Mr. Reed, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Walsh, and Ms. Klobuchar), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [9JY], [21JY]
- S. 2361**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to crack down on fraud in the Medicare program to protect seniors, people with disabilities, and taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Carper, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Casey), [20MY]
- S. 2362**—A bill to prohibit the payment of performance awards in fiscal year 2015 to employees in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Burr), [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [9JN]
- S. 2363**—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Heller, Mr. Tester, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Begich, Mr. Portman, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Warner, Mr. Graham, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Burr, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Franken, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bennet, Mr. McCain, Mr. King, Mr. Thune, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Risch), [20MY]
Read the first time, [20MY]
Read the second time, [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Motion to proceed considered, [22MY], [2JN], [3JN], [4JN], [5JN], [19JN], [23JN], [24JN], [25JN], [26JN], [7JY], [8JY], [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [2JN], [4JN], [10JN], [16JN], [23JN], [25JN], [26JN], [10JY]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [7JY]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [9JY]
Considered, [9JY], [10JY]
- S. 2364**—A bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Markey), [20MY]
- S. 2365**—A bill to prohibit the long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks unless the Surface Transportation Board has approved the rail carrier's rail car storage plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [20MY]
- S. 2366**—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [9JN], [23JN], [14JY], [21JY], [17SE], [18SE]
- S. 2367**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out programs and activities that connect the people of the United States, especially children, youth, and families, with the outdoors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Bennet, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [21MY]
- S. 2368**—A bill to establish an online significant event tracker (SET) system for tracking, reporting, and summarizing exposures of members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve components thereof, to traumatic events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BROWN, [21MY]
- S. 2369**—A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to consider Brunswick County, North Carolina to be part of the same metropolitan statistical area as Wilmington, North Carolina; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BURR, [21MY]
- S. 2370**—A bill to rescind unused earmarks provided for the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [5JN]
- S. 2371**—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of major revenue legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Flake, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Thune, Mr. Scott, Mr. Vitter, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Lee, Mr. Burr, and Mrs. Fischer), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]
- S. 2372**—A bill to provide additional oversight and guidance to the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Portman), [21MY]
- S. 2373**—A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Warren), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [2JN], [9JN], [12JN], [21JY]
- S. 2374**—A bill to improve college affordability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. Hirono), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [5JN], [9JN]
- S. 2375**—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate paid television service in certain counties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [21MY]
- S. 2376**—A bill to designate the buildings occupied by the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, and 1201 4th Street, Southeast, in the District of Columbia as the "James L. Oberstar United States Department of Transportation Building Complex"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [21MY]
- S. 2377**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [8SE]
- S. 2378**—A bill to establish a regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals under the aegis of the Federal Trade Commission, to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to improve provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [21MY]
- S. 2379**—A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mrs. Boxer), [21MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–299), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 2380**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the national freight policy of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOKER, [21MY]
- S. 2381**—A bill to clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Tester), [22MY]
- S. 2382**—A bill to establish the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers for purposes of determining cost-of-living increases under the Social Security

- Act, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of \$250,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [22MY]
- S. 2383—A bill to direct the Office of the Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [22MY]
- S. 2384—A bill to require the President to develop a watch list and a priority watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to United States trade secrets or proprietary information, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons that knowingly benefit from such espionage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Coburn), [22MY]
- S. 2385—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Truth in Lending Act to provide for disclosure and codes of conduct with respect to consumer financial products or services and institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, and Ms. Warren), [22MY]
- S. 2386—A bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [22MY]
- S. 2387—A bill to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with eligible Indian tribes to manage land buy-back programs, to require that certain amounts be deposited into interest bearing accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WALSH, [22MY]
- S. 2388—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Heller), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [28JY]
- S. 2389—An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. PRYOR, [22MY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–164), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
- S. 2390—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a tax credit for foster families; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Kaine), [22MY]
- S. 2391—A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. MURPHY, [22MY]
- S. 2392—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WALSH, [22MY]
- Cosponsors added, [18JN]
- S. 2393—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the protection and enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [9JN]
- S. 2394—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Risch, Mr. Lee, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Crapo), [22MY]
- S. 2395—A bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Cardin), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [10JN], [26JN], [10JY]
- S. 2396—A bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Johans, and Ms. Murkowski), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 2397—A bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.3 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [22MY]
- S. 2398—A bill to amend a provision of title 49, United States Code, relating to motor vehicle safety civil penalties; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Nelson), [22MY]
- S. 2399—A bill to safeguard the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters and to provide the resources and oversight necessary to ensure equal access to the electoral process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Tester, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Ms. Heitkamp), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [3JN]
- S. 2400—A bill to provide for improvement of field emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S. 2401—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of the Medical Inspector within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Begich, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mrs. McCaskill), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [2JN], [5JN]
- S. 2402—A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to address the need to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Begich), [22MY]
- S. 2403—A bill to ensure that programs of training services under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 make better use of participants' prior learning so as to better assist the participants in obtaining degrees and other recognized postsecondary credentials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Begich), [22MY]
- S. 2404—A bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [22MY]
- S. 2405—A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Isakson), [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [19JN], [23JY], [29JY]
Reported (no written report), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
- S. 2406—A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [10JY], [22JY], [23JY], [24JY]
Reported (no written report), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
- S. 2407—A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 by authorizing the United States Agency for International Development to continue supporting the development of technologies for global health under the Health Technologies Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [22MY]
- S. 2408—A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, and production of oil and gas in and from the western portion of the Coastal Plain of the State of Alaska without surface occupancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]
- S. 2409—A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN]
- S. 2410—An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. LEVIN, [2JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–176), [2JN]
Placed on the calendar, [2JN]
- S. 2411—A bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Brown), [2JN]
- S. 2412—A bill to establish an Employee Ownership and Participation Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Brown), [2JN]
- S. 2413—A bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Begich, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Reed, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Brown, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Stabenow), [2JN]
Cosponsors added, [3JN], [4JN]

- S. 2414**—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the regulation of emissions of carbon dioxide from new or existing power plants under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Thune, Mr. Paul, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Vitter, and Mrs. Fischer), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [5JN], [9JN], [26JN]
- S. 2415**—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to eliminate limitations on direct contributions to candidates, to require disclosure of certain contributions within 24 hours of receipt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. CRUZ, [3JN]
- S. 2416**—A bill to apply laws that restrict the political speech of American citizens to media corporations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CRUZ, [3JN]
- S. 2417**—A bill to provide greater controls and restriction on revolving door lobbying; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Tester), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JY]
- S. 2418**—A bill to amend title 11 and title 29, United States Code, to increase the amount of unsecured claims for salaries and wages given priority in bankruptcy, to provide for payments to retirees to compensate for lost health insurance benefits resulting from the bankruptcy of their former employer, to protect the health benefits of employees and retirees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. Warren), [3JN]
- S. 2419**—A bill to protect America's veterans from dishonesty and malfeasance in the delivery of medical services and to hold the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable to those they serve; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [3JN]
- S. 2420**—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [3JN]
- S. 2421**—A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) to reform the Food for Peace Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. Coons), [3JN]
- S. 2422**—A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Reed, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Brown, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Booker, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Hirono), [3JN]
Read the first time, [3JN]
Read the second time, [4JN]
Placed on the calendar, [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [5JN]
- S. 2423**—A bill to improve wait times for appointments for hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve accountability of employees responsible for long wait times for such appointments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [3JN]
- S. 2424**—A bill to provide veterans with the choice of medical providers and to increase transparency and accountability of operations of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Burr, Mr. Flake, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Coats, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Portman, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thune, Mr. Scott, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Graham), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [5JN]
- S. 2425**—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to reduce the shortage of psychiatrists in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs by repaying loans for certain psychiatrists, to carry out a pilot program to provide housing allowances to health care providers of the Veterans Health Administration who accept assignment at rural and highly rural clinics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [4JN]
- S. 2426**—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [4JN]
- S. 2427**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [4JN]
- S. 2428**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs provides temporary care in the most cost effective manner when patients are relocated during medical facility construction and renovation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. LEAHY, [4JN]
- S. 2429**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to employer payment of interest on certain refinanced student loans; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Thune), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]
- S. 2430**—A bill to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Monitoring the Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ROBERTS, [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]
- S. 2431**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [4JN]
- S. 2432**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.
By Mr. WARREN (for herself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Reed, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Schumer), [4JN]
Read the first time, [4JN]
Read the second time, [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [5JN], [9JN], [10JN]
Motion to proceed considered, [9JN], [10JN], [11JN], [11SE], [15SE], [16SE], [18SE]
- S. 2433**—A bill to provide assistance to Ukraine to reduce the dependence of Ukraine on imports of natural gas from the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MARKEY, [5JN]
- S. 2434**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that working families have access to affordable health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. King, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Begich), [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN], [12JN], [20NO]
- S. 2435**—A bill to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN]
- S. 2436**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that agencies may not deduct labor organization dues from the pay of Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCOTT, [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [7JY]
- S. 2437**—An original bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [5JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–181), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 2438**—An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [5JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–182), [5JN]
Placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- S. 2439**—A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide for the Inspector General of the National Security Agency to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Coats, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Tester, and Ms. Collins), [5JN]
- S. 2440**—A bill to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Heller, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Inhofe, and Ms. Heitkamp), [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [16JN], [18JN], [17JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [16SE]
- S. 2441**—A bill to extend the same Federal benefits to law enforcement officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers that apply to law enforcement officers serving units of State and local government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

- By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Whitehouse), [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [22JY]
- S. 2442**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. WALSH (for himself and Mr. Tester), [5JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–317), [12DE]
- S. 2443**—A bill to direct the Attorney General to make grants to States that have in place laws that terminate the parental rights of men who father children through rape; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Baldwin, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Nelson), [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S. 2444**—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 through 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Thune, and Ms. Cantwell), [5JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [10DE]
Title amended, [10DE]
Passed House, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–281] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2445**—A bill to provide family members and close associates of an individual who they fear is a danger to himself, herself, or others new tools to prevent gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]
- S. 2446**—A bill to require the Congressional Budget Office to annually report changes in direct spending and revenue associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, [5JN]
- S. 2447**—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to clarify the use of credentials by enrolled agents; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PORTMAN, [5JN]
- S. 2448**—A bill to protect servicemembers in higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [5JN]
Cosponsors added, [23JN]
- S. 2449**—A bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [9JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN], [26JN], [7JY], [8JY], [10JY], [21JY], [22JY], [24JY], [29JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
- S. 2450**—A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Burr, Mr. Booker, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Manchin, and Ms. Collins), [9JN]
Read the first time, [9JN]
Read the second time, [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JN], [11JN], [16JN]
- S. 2451**—A bill to support the local decisionmaking functions of local educational agencies by limiting the authority of the Secretary of Education to issue regulations, rules, grant conditions, and guidance materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. INHOFE, [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]
- S. 2452**—An original bill to support early learning; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN, [10JN]
Reported (no written report), [10JN]
Placed on the calendar, [10JN]
- S. 2453**—A bill to reinstate the 10-year statute of limitations period applicable to collection of amounts paid to Social Security beneficiaries by administrative offset, and prevent recovery of overpayments from individuals under 18 years of age; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. BOXER, [10JN]
- S. 2454**—A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [10JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [26JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
- S. 2455**—A bill to enhance Social Security benefits for children, divorced spouses, and widows and widowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [10JN]
- S. 2456**—A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for active duty military consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Booker), [10JN]
- S. 2457**—A bill to require States to establish highway stormwater management programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN, [10JN]
- S. 2458**—A bill to provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. WALSH, [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [28JY]
- S. 2459**—A bill to revise counseling requirements for certain borrowers of student loans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, [10JN]
- S. 2460**—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require additional disclosures and protections for students and cosigners with respect to student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [10JN]
Cosponsors added, [11JN]
- S. 2461**—A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [11JN]
- S. 2462**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain educational institutions from the employer health insurance mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [9SE]
- S. 2463**—A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Cruz), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [25JN]
- S. 2464**—A bill to adopt the bison as the national mammal of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Moran, Mr. Portman, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, and Mr. Whitehouse), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [28JY]
- S. 2465**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [11JN]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–267), [10C]
- S. 2466**—A bill to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Risch), [11JN]
- S. 2467**—A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from altering available health care and wait times for appointments for health care for certain veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. PRYOR, [12JN]
- S. 2468**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and to require that the Department of Veterans Affairs be treated as a participating provider for the recovery of the costs of certain medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Moran), [12JN]
- S. 2469**—A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require that the Administrator of General Services verify that a building to be leased to accommodate a Federal agency is located a certain distance from public transportation before entering into the lease agreement; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [12JN]
- S. 2470**—A bill to provide for drought relief measures in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [12JN]
- S. 2471**—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to provide bankruptcy protections for medically distressed debtors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. Warren), [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JY]
- S. 2472**—A bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Booker, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Franken, and Mrs. Shaheen), [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]
- S. 2473**—A bill to reallocate Federal Government-held spectrum for commercial use, to promote wireless innovation and enhance wireless communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO, [12JN]
- S. 2474**—A bill for the relief of Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, Martin Wani, and Maya Wani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Wicker, and Ms. Landrieu), [12JN]

- S. 2475—A bill to realign structure and reallocate resources in the Federal Government, in keeping with the core American belief that families are the best protection for children and the bedrock of any society, to bolster United States diplomacy and assistance targeted at ensuring that every child can grow up in a permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving family, and to strengthen intercountry adoption to the United States and around the world and ensure that it becomes a viable and fully developed option for providing families for children in need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coons, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Levin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Thune, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Wicker), [17JN]
- S. 2476—A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Franken, and Mr. Sanders), [17JN]
- Cosponsors added, [18JN], [19JN]
- S. 2477—A bill to prohibit certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013, military coup d'etat; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. PAUL, [17JN]
- S. 2478—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to partner with industry to strengthen the safety culture and safety practices of short line and regional freight railroads; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [17JN]
- S. 2479—A bill to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- By Mr. REID, [17JN]
- Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
- Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–277), [1DE]
- S. 2480—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. Heller), [17JN]
- Reported with amendment (no written report), [26AU]
- Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–278), [1DE]
- S. 2481—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide authority for sole source contracts for certain small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Cantwell, and Mrs. Gillibrand), [17JN]
- Cosponsors added, [8JY], [10JY], [15JY], [28JY], [30JY], [5AU], [8SE], [10SE], [16SE]
- S. 2482—A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [17JN]
- Reported with amendment (no written report), [8DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
- Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–314), [12DE]
- S. 2483—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Markey, Ms. Hirono, and Ms. Warren), [17JN]
- Cosponsors added, [18JN], [26JN], [8JY], [21JY], [24JY], [1AU]
- S. 2484—A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. SCHATZ, [17JN]
- Reported with amendment (no written report), [8DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
- Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–315), [12DE]
- S. 2485—A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. MARKEY, [17JN]
- Reported (no written report), [8DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
- Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–316), [12DE]
- S. 2486—A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to establish salary thresholds for and limitations on executive, administrative, and professional employees and address highly compensated employees, for purposes of the requirements for exemption from the Federal minimum wage and maximum hour provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Casey, Ms. Warren, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Markey), [18JN]
- S. 2487—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase the maximum loan limits under the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Scott), [18JN]
- S. 2488—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exception to the exclusive use requirement for home offices if the other use involves care of a qualifying child of the taxpayer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. McCONNELL, [18JN]
- Cosponsors added, [24JY]
- S. 2489—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that sufficient funding is made available for the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. WALSH, [18JN]
- S. 2490—A bill to include a question to ascertain United States citizenship and immigration status in each questionnaire used for a decennial census of population, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- By Mr. VITTER, [18JN]
- S. 2491—A bill to protect the Medicare Program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare Program.
- By Mr. PRYOR, [18JN]
- Read the first time, [18JN]
- Read the second time, [19JN]
- Placed on the calendar, [19JN]
- Cosponsors added, [19JN], [25JN]
- S. 2492—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase access for the uninsured to high quality physician care; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. SCOTT, [18JN]
- S. 2493—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the “Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [18JN]
- S. 2494—A bill to expedite applications to export natural gas, to require the public disclosure of liquefied natural gas export destinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Begich), [18JN]
- S. 2495—A bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending; to the Committee on the Budget.
- By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Risch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Isakson), [19JN]
- Cosponsors added, [29JY]
- S. 2496—A bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Paul, Mr. Thune, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Heller, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Burr), [19JN]
- Cosponsors added, [24JN], [26JN], [7JY], [16JY], [9SE]
- S. 2497—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [19JN]
- S. 2498—A bill to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, and Mr. Schatz), [19JN]
- Cosponsors added, [7JY], [15JY]
- S. 2499—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations.
- By Mr. LEAHY, [19JN]
- Reported (S. Rept. 113–195), [19JN]
- Placed on the calendar, [19JN]
- S. 2500—A bill to restrict the ability of the Federal Government to undermine privacy and encryption technology in commercial products and in NIST computer security and encryption standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. WALSH, [19JN]
- Cosponsors added, [9JY], [12DE]
- S. 2501—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Nelson), [19JN]
- Cosponsors added, [9JY], [17JY], [31JY], [8SE], [11SE], [16SE]
- S. 2502—A bill to establish in the United States Agency for International Development an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coons, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Kaine), [19JN]
- Cosponsors added, [24JN]
- S. 2503—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [19JN]

- S. 2504**—A bill to address prescription opioid and heroin abuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mr. Donnelly), [19JN]
- S. 2505**—A bill to promote unlicensed spectrum use in the 5 GHz band, to maximize the use of the band for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Booker), [19JN]
- S. 2506**—A bill to award grants to States to support efforts at institutions of higher education to increase degree attainment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. Harkin), [19JN]
- S. 2507**—A bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [19JN]
Cosponsors added, [26JN]
- S. 2508**—A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Corker, Mr. Coons, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Johanns), [19JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN], [25JN], [8JY], [21JY], [22JY], [23JY], [31JY], [8SE], [17SE], [18SE], [12NO], [13NO]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–219), [24JY]
Placed on the calendar, [24JY]
- S. 2509**—A bill to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Corker, and Mr. Markey), [19JN]
- S. 2510**—A bill to establish a temporary limitation on the use of funds to transfer or release individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Roberts), [19JN]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]
- S. 2511**—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the definition of substantial cessation of operations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [19JN]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [8SE]
Placed on the calendar, [8SE]
Passed Senate amended, [16SE]
- S. 2512**—A bill to establish an emergency transportation safety fund for the reconstruction of bridges along the Interstate Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [23JN]
- S. 2513**—A bill to establish a demonstration project for competency-based education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Murphy), [23JN]
Removal of cosponsors, [31JY]
- S. 2514**—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Thune), [24JN]
- S. 2515**—A bill to ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries have the opportunity to receive care in a home and community-based setting; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN, [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [18SE]
- S. 2516**—A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Bennet, Mr. King, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Franken, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Markey, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Tester, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Begich, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Warner, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Carper, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Reid, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Booker, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Levin, and Ms. Landrieu), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [14JY]
- S. 2517**—A bill to prohibit bonuses to senior-level IRS executives until all congressional requests for documents, including electronic communications, related to the investigation of IRS targeting of taxpayers are complete; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [24JN]
- S. 2518**—A bill to establish a grant program to incentivize States to implement comprehensive reforms and innovative strategies to significantly improve postsecondary outcomes for low-income and first generation college students, including increasing postsecondary enrollment and graduation rates, to reduce the need of postsecondary students for remedial education, to increase alignment of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, and to promote innovation in postsecondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. FRANKEN, [24JN]
- S. 2519**—A bill to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [24JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–240), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate amended, [10DE]
Passed House, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–282] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2520**—A bill to improve the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [31JY], [15SE], [20NO]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [20NO]
Placed on the calendar, [20NO]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–287), [8DE]
Passed Senate amended, [8DE]
- S. 2521**—A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [24JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–256), [15SE]
Placed on the calendar, [15SE]
Passed Senate amended, [8DE]
Passed House, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–283] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2522**—A bill to designate the James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway and the James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway in the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [24JN]
- S. 2523**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, [24JN]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [4DE]
- S. 2524**—A bill to support access to career and technical education programs of study that provide students with education and training combining rigorous academics with technical curricula focused on specific high-skill, high-wage, high-demand and high-growth occupations and industries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Kaine), [24JN]
- S. 2525**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [25JN]
- S. 2526**—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Thune), [25JN]
- S. 2527**—A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. Murkowski), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [31JY], [16SE], [18SE]
- S. 2528**—A bill to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving missing children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Sessions), [25JN]
- S. 2529**—A bill to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 3990 of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Sessions), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [15JY], [17JY], [8SE], [18SE], [12DE]
- S. 2530**—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HELLER, [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 2531**—A bill to reward and incentivize evidence-based State policies that improve educational continuity and limit juvenile court involvement and incarceration for youth through a priority in awarding certain competitive grants offered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Booker), [25JN]
- S. 2532**—A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Heller), [25JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]
- S. 2533**—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to include in any

- proposed rule that limits greenhouse gas emissions and imposes increased costs on other Federal agencies an offset from funds available to the Administrator for all projected increased costs that the proposed rule would impose on other Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Coats, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Thune), [26JN]
- S. 2534—An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations. By Ms. LANDRIEU, [26JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113-198), [26JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
- S. 2535—A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Burr, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Risch, and Mr. McConnell), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]
- S. 2536—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for enhanced criminal and civil remedies in the protection of children and other victims of commercial sexual exploitation and related crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mrs. Feinstein), [26JN]
- S. 2537—A bill to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [26JN]
- S. 2538—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JY], [17SE]
- S. 2539—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Casey), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [22JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Passed Senate amended, [16SE]
Passed House, [13NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113-196] (signed November 26, 2014)
- S. 2540—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to Patriot employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reed, Ms. Warren, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Sanders), [26JN]
- S. 2541—A bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Begich), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- S. 2542—A bill to clarify the effect of State statutes of repose on the required commencement date for actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mrs. HAGAN, [26JN]
- S. 2543—A bill to support afterschool and out-of-school-time science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JY], [22JY], [30JY], [31JY], [10SE], [16SE]
- S. 2544—A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [26JN]
- S. 2545—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. McCaskill), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [10JY], [17JY], [23JY], [24JY], [31JY], [8SE], [9SE], [11SE]
- S. 2546—A bill to repeal a requirement that new employees of certain employers be automatically enrolled in the employer's health benefits; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ISAKSON, [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [10SE]
- S. 2547—A bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. Schumer), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [21JY], [23JY], [29JY], [31JY]
- S. 2548—A bill to require the Commodity Futures Trading commission to take certain emergency action to eliminate excessive speculation in energy markets; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Levin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Brown, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Warren, and Mrs. Boxer), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY]
- S. 2549—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. McCain), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [1DE]
- S. 2550—A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of non-violent persons when released from incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [26JN]
- S. 2551—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish the Innovative Approaches to Technology Transfer Grant Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Coats), [26JN]
- S. 2552—A bill to enhance beneficiary and provider protections and improve transparency in the Medicare Advantage market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [8JY], [31JY], [18SE]
- S. 2553—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [26JN]
- S. 2554—An original bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [26JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113-200), [26JN]
Placed on the calendar, [26JN]
- S. 2555—A bill to require a report on military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Murphy), [26JN]
- S. 2556—A bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Brown), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2557—A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State accountability in the provision of access to the core resources for learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Brown), [26JN]
- S. 2558—A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise the definition of the term "colonia", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [26JN]
- S. 2559—A bill to provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [26JN]
- S. 2560—A bill to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CARDIN (by request), [26JN]
- S. 2561—A bill to prevent organized human smuggling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [26JN]
- S. 2562—A bill to provide an incentive to businesses to bring jobs back to America.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Warner, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Coons, Mr. Reed, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Franken, Mr. Markey, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Schatz), [26JN]
Read the first time, [26JN]
Read the second time, [7JY]
Placed on the calendar, [7JY]
Cosponsors added, [7JY]
- S. 2563—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Hoeven), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [15JY]
- S. 2564—A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, to stop exploitation through trafficking, and to amend title 18, United States Code, by providing a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER, [7JY]
- S. 2565—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the dependent care tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Mikulski), [8JY]
Cosponsors added, [10JY]
- S. 2566—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in and around historic mining townsites located in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Reid), [8JY]

- S. 2567**—A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. Booker), [8JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 2568**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [8JY]
- S. 2569**—A bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.
By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Warner, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Coons, Mr. Reed, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Franken, Mr. Markey, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Schumer), [8JY]
Read the first time, [8JY]
Read the second time, [9JY]
Placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Motion to proceed considered, [17JY], [21JY], [22JY], [23JY], [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY], [21JY], [22JY]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [23JY]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [24JY]
Considered, [28JY], [30JY]
- S. 2570**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Heitkamp, and Ms. Murkowski), [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY], [8SE]
- S. 2571**—A bill to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harrison Hill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [9JY]
- S. 2572**—A bill to ban the use of bisphenol A in food containers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY, [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]
- S. 2573**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase, expand, and extend the credit for hydrogen-related alternative fuel vehicle refueling property and to increase the investment credit for more efficient fuel cells; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [9JY]
- S. 2574**—A bill to make the United States Preventive Services Task Force subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [9JY]
- S. 2575**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a report on the status of greater sage-grouse conservation efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [9JY]
- S. 2576**—A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [9JY]
- S. 2577**—A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ, [9JY]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [15JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–213), [21JY]
Placed on the calendar, [21JY]
Passed Senate, [29JY]
- S. 2578**—A bill to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Levin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Leahy), [9JY]
Read the first time, [9JY]
Read the second time, [10JY]
Placed on the calendar, [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [10JY], [14JY], [15JY], [16JY]
Motion to proceed considered, [14JY], [15JY], [16JY]
- S. 2579**—A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014.
By Mr. CRUZ, [9JY]
Read the first time, [9JY]
Read the second time, [10JY]
Placed on the calendar, [10JY]
- S. 2580**—A bill to redesignate the Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia, to revise the boundary of that monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [10JY]
- S. 2581**—A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Bennet), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [28JY], [15SE], [13NO], [8DE], [10DE], [12DE]
Reported (no written report), [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–311), [12DE]
- S. 2582**—A bill to establish a pilot program to assist in expanding and diversifying the business of small business concerns that rely on amounts awarded for Federal contracts and subcontracts; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [10JY]
- S. 2583**—A bill to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. Rockefeller), [10JY]
Reported (no written report), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
Passed House, [13NO]
Presented to the President (November 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–197] (signed November 26, 2014)
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–280), [1DE]
- S. 2584**—A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to raise the quality of career and technical education programs and to allow local eligible recipients to use funding to establish high-quality career academics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Warner), [10JY]
- S. 2585**—A bill to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran to protect against human rights abuses in Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [15JY]
- S. 2586**—A bill to establish a smart card pilot program under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KIRK, [10JY]
- S. 2587**—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to protect and conserve species and the lawful possession of certain ivory in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. ALEXANDER, [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]
- S. 2588**—An original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [10JY]
Reported (no written report), [10JY]
Placed on the calendar, [10JY]
- S. 2589**—A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Franken), [10JY]
- S. 2590**—A bill to advance the purposes of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Walsh), [10JY]
- S. 2591**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [23JY], [31JY], [9SE], [12NO], [13NO], [20NO]
- S. 2592**—A bill to promote energy production and security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. McCain, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Barrasso), [10JY]
- S. 2593**—A bill to amend the FLAME Act of 2009 to provide for additional wildfire suppression activities, to provide for the conduct of certain forest treatment projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Flake), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [17JY], [11AU]
- S. 2594**—A bill to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray 30th Street Station”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [10JY]
- S. 2595**—A bill to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Ms. Baldwin), [10JY]
- S. 2596**—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal criminal penalties for interstate child endangerment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WALSH, [14JY]
- S. 2597**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of Promise Zones; to the Committee on Finance.

- By Mr. CASEY, [14JY]
- S. 2598**—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Heinrich), [14JY]
- Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- S. 2599**—A bill to stop exploitation through trafficking.
- By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Booker, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Coats, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Franken), [14JY]
- Read the first time, [14JY]
- Read the second time, [15JY]
- Placed on the calendar, [15JY]
- Cosponsors added, [16JY], [16SE]
- S. 2600**—A bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is transferred to the State and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [14JY]
- S. 2601**—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to ensure futures commission merchant compliance; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [15JY]
- S. 2602**—A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [15JY]
- Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–300), [10DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 2603**—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- By Mr. VITTER, [15JY]
- S. 2604**—A bill to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [15JY]
- S. 2605**—A bill to preserve religious freedom and a woman's access to contraception; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Burr, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, Mr. McCain, Mr. Portman, Mr. Risch, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Johannis), [15JY]
- Cosponsors added, [16JY]
- S. 2606**—A bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- By Mrs. McCASKILL, [15JY]
- S. 2607**—A bill to extend and modify the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Heller), [15JY]
- Cosponsors added, [22JY], [24JY]
- S. 2608**—A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [15JY]
- Cosponsors added, [17JY]
- S. 2609**—A bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.
- By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Pryor), [15JY]
- Read the first time, [15JY]
- Read the second time, [16JY]
- Placed on the calendar, [16JY]
- Cosponsors added, [16JY], [31JY], [4DE]
- Motion to proceed considered, [12NO]
- S. 2610**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. BROWN, [15JY]
- S. 2611**—A bill to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Wicker), [15JY]
- Cosponsors added, [16JY], [17JY], [22JY], [23JY], [30JY]
- S. 2612**—A bill to simplify and improve the Federal student loan program through income-contingent repayment to provide strong protections for borrowers, encourage responsible borrowing, and save money for taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [16JY]
- S. 2613**—A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Risch, Mr. Flake, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Crapo), [16JY]
- S. 2614**—A bill to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Brown), [16JY]
- Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [10DE]
- S. 2615**—A bill to establish criminal penalties for failing to inform and warn of serious dangers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Casey), [16JY]
- S. 2616**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [16JY]
- S. 2617**—A bill to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Alexander), [16JY]
- S. 2618**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. King), [16JY]
- S. 2619**—A bill to prevent organized human smuggling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Graham, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Inhofe), [17JY]
- S. 2620**—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the reliability of the electric transmission grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [17JY]
- S. 2621**—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coons, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Tester), [17JY]
- Cosponsors added, [30JY], [1AU], [8SE], [10SE], [16SE], [17SE], [17NO], [20NO], [2DE]
- S. 2622**—A bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [17JY]
- Cosponsors added, [24JY], [17SE], [18SE], [12NO]
- S. 2623**—A bill to prohibit land management modifications relating to the Lesser Prairie Chicken; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Inhofe), [17JY]
- S. 2624**—A bill to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. McCain), [17JY]
- Cosponsors added, [21JY], [22JY], [29JY]
- S. 2625**—A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Franken, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Tester, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Warren, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Markey, Mr. Begich, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Merkley), [17JY]
- Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- S. 2626**—A bill to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to expand the payment in lieu of taxes program to include payments for secure rural schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. WALSH, [17JY]
- S. 2627**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers who provide paid family and medical leave; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. King), [17JY]
- S. 2628**—A bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is placed in a facility or with a sponsor in the State and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. JOHANNIS, [17JY]
- S. 2629**—A bill to require employers to notify employees and prospective employees of exemptions from otherwise required coverage of health services under group health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Hirono), [17JY]
- S. 2630**—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Thune), [17JY]
- Cosponsors added, [21JY]
- S. 2631**—A bill to prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012.
- By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Sessions), [17JY]
- Read the first time, [17JY]
- Read the second time, [21JY]
- Placed on the calendar, [21JY]
- Cosponsors added, [22JY], [28JY], [30JY], [31JY]

- S. 2632—A bill to provide for the expedited processing of unaccompanied alien children illegally entering the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. VITTER, [17JY]
- S. 2633—A bill to require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is placed in a facility or with a sponsor in the State and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [21JY]
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [29JY]
- S. 2634—A bill to provide tax relief for major disaster areas declared in 2012, 2013, and 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Booker), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]
- S. 2635—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Moran), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [24JY], [29JY]
- S. 2636—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions of real property for conservation purposes by Native Corporations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [22JY]
- S. 2637—A bill to modify the small business intermediary lending program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. LEVIN, [22JY]
- S. 2638—A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN, [22JY]
- S. 2639—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. BALDWIN, [22JY]
- S. 2640—A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [22JY]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–245), [26AU]
Placed on the calendar, [26AU]
- S. 2641—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide that residential mortgage loans held in portfolio qualify as qualified mortgages for purposes of the presumption of the ability to repay requirements under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [22JY]
- S. 2642—A bill to permit employees to request changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation, and to ensure that employers consider these requests; and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain growing low-wage occupations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Brown), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [18SE]
- S. 2643—A bill to require a report by the Federal Communications Commission on designated market areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [9SE]
- S. 2644—A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [16DE]
- S. 2645—A bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Durbin), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [12DE]
- S. 2646—A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Ms. Collins), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [10SE], [11SE], [15SE], [16SE], [17SE], [18SE], [12NO], [13NO], [17NO], [18NO]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [10C]
Placed on the calendar, [10C]
- S. 2647—A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system for private security officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [23JY]
- S. 2648—A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
By Ms. MIKULSKI, [23JY]
Read the first time, [23JY]
Read the second time, [24JY]
Placed on the calendar, [24JY]
Motion to proceed considered, [28JY], [29JY], [30JY], [31JY]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [30JY]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]
Considered, [31JY]
Point of order considered, [31JY]
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [31JY]
- S. 2649—A bill to provide certain legal relief from politically motivated charges by the Government of Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. McCain), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [1AU]
- S. 2650—A bill to provide for congressional review of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. Graham, Mr. Rubio, Mr. McCain, Mr. Risch, and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [24JY], [29JY], [31JY], [9SE]
- S. 2651—A bill to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. Carper), [24JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–261), [16SE]
Placed on the calendar, [16SE]
Passed Senate amended, [17SE]
Passed House, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–284] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2652—A bill to improve the design-build process in Federal contracting; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [24JY]
- S. 2653—A bill to amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Begich), [24JY]
- Cosponsors added, [17SE]
- S. 2654—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of certain delayed payments by the Secretary, to require the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report regarding such delayed payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. LANDRIEU, [24JY]
- S. 2655—A bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Vitter), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [9SE], [17SE], [18SE]
- S. 2656—A bill to provide for the regulation of persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemical substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [24JY]
- S. 2657—A bill to reclassify certain low-level felonies as misdemeanors, to eliminate the increased penalties for cocaine offenses where the cocaine involved is cocaine base, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PAUL, [24JY]
- S. 2658—A bill to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health to discover treatments and cures, to maintain global leadership in medical innovation, and to restore the purchasing power the NIH had after the historic doubling campaign that ended in fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. HARKIN, [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]
- S. 2659—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MURPHY, [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [18SE]
- S. 2660—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the special rules for accident and health plans of certain governmental entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Risch), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [8DE]
- S. 2661—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [24JY]
- S. 2662—A bill to promote and expand the application of telehealth under Medicare and other Federal health care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. Wicker), [24JY]
- S. 2663—A bill to provide high-skilled visas for nationals of the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Begich), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [17NO]
- S. 2664—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

- By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Collins), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 2665**—A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [24JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–250), [8SE]
Placed on the calendar, [8SE]
- S. 2666**—A bill to prohibit future consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals or work authorization for aliens who are not in lawful status, to facilitate the expedited processing of minors entering the United States across the southern border, and to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse States for National Guard deployments in response to large-scale border crossings of unaccompanied alien children from noncontiguous countries.
By Mr. CRUZ, [24JY]
Read the first time, [24JY]
Read the second time, [28JY]
Placed on the calendar, [28JY]
- S. 2667**—A bill to prohibit the exercise of any waiver of the imposition of certain sanctions with respect to Iran unless the President certifies to Congress that the waiver will not result in the provision of funds to the Government of Iran for activities in support of international terrorism, to develop nuclear weapons, or to violate the human rights of the people of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Hoeven), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [29JY], [31JY]
- S. 2668**—A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. BEGICH, [24JY]
- S. 2669**—A bill to ensure funding for certain payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. BEGICH, [24JY]
- S. 2670**—A bill to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. Flake), [28JY]
- S. 2671**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [28JY]
- S. 2672**—A bill to terminate the authority to waive certain provisions of law requiring the imposition of sanctions with respect to Iran, to codify certain sanctions imposed by executive order, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ, [28JY]
- S. 2673**—A bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [28JY]
Read the first time, [28JY]
Read the second time, [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY]
Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
Passed House, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–296] (signed December 19, 2014)
- S. 2674**—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. Tester), [28JY]
- S. 2675**—A bill to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to support religious freedom in foreign countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [29JY]
- S. 2676**—A bill to establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt certain policies and procedures relating to the transfer and possession of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schatz, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, and Ms. Warren), [29JY]
- S. 2677**—A bill to reverse the listing by the Secretary of the Interior of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, to prevent further consideration of listing of the species as a threatened species or endangered species under that Act pending implementation of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan and other conservation measures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Roberts), [29JY]
- S. 2678**—A bill to remove the American burying beetle from the list of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Coburn), [29JY]
- S. 2679**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Menendez, and Mrs. Boxer), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. 2680**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a voluntary program under which manufacturers may have products certified as meeting the standards of labels that indicate to consumers the extent to which the products are manufactured in the United States, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for equity investments in small business concerns, to establish small business savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Walsh), [29JY]
- S. 2681**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for businesses to keep jobs in the United States; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Walsh), [29JY]
- S. 2682**—A bill to require certain Federal agencies to use iron, steel, wood products, cement and manufactured goods produced in the United States in public construction projects, to establish the America Star Program to certify products that are manufactured in the United States, to permanently extend the Build America Bonds Program, to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Walsh), [29JY]
- S. 2683**—A bill to reform classification and security clearance processes throughout the Federal Government and, within the Department of Homeland Security, to establish an effective and transparent process for the designation, investigation, adjudication, denial, suspension, and revocation of security clearances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WYDEN, [29JY]
- S. 2684**—A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [15SE]
- S. 2685**—A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Heller, Mr. Franken, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Coons, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Sanders), [29JY]
Read the first time, [29JY]
Read the second time, [30JY]
Placed on the calendar, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [1AU], [17NO], [20NO]
Motion to proceed considered, [12NO], [18NO]
- S. 2686**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the extension of the tax collection period merely because the taxpayer is a member of the Armed Forces who is hospitalized as a result of combat zone injuries; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CORNYN, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2687**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Franken, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Tester, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Begich), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [5AU], [10SE], [17SE], [18SE], [13NO]
- S. 2688**—A bill to ensure labor organization transparency and accountability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Isakson), [30JY]
- S. 2689**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. Shaheen), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [17SE], [18SE], [13NO], [18NO], [19NO], [1DE], [9DE]

- S. 2690**—A bill to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to ensure that student data handled by private companies is protected, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. Kirk), [30JY]
- S. 2691**—A bill to encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation's social programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [30JY]
- S. 2692**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Warner, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Graham), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU], [5AU], [8SE]
- S. 2693**—A bill to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Walsh), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [8SE], [17SE], [17NO], [2DE]
- S. 2694**—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Rockefeller, and Ms. Landrieu), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [9SE], [11SE], [12NO], [13NO], [17NO], [18NO], [3DE]
- S. 2695**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [11SE]
- S. 2696**—A bill to require the Federal Reserve to make certain changes to the small bank holding company policy statement on assessment of financial and managerial factors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Warner), [30JY]
- S. 2697**—A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to clarify the application of the qualified mortgage rule to rural lenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Warner), [30JY]
- S. 2698**—A bill to provide regulatory easement for lending institutions that enable a vibrant economy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. Warner, Mr. Tester, and Mrs. Fischer), [30JY]
- S. 2699**—A bill to require the National Credit Union Administration to provide pass-through share insurance for the deposits or shares of any interest on lawyers trust accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Warner), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2700**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to identify the persons who are eligible to request headstones or markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Tester), [30JY]
- S. 2701**—A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to address certain inconsistencies between the self-attested information provided by an applicant in enrolling in a health plan on an Exchange and being determined eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions or in being determined to be eligible for enrollment in a State Medicaid plan or a State child health plan under the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the data received through the Federal Data Services Hub or from other data sources; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 2702**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Social Security number of the student and the employer identification number of the educational institution for purposes of education tax credits; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 2703**—A bill to establish eligibility, assignment, training, and certification requirements for sexual assault forensic examiners for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. Collins), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY]
- S. 2704**—A bill to prohibit the award of Federal Government contracts to inverted domestic corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Reed), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 2705**—A bill to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research and environmental information sharing program to support renewable energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH, [30JY]
- S. 2706**—A bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. ENZI, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [9SE], [17SE]
- S. 2707**—A bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE Program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MORAN, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [10SE]
- S. 2708**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [30JY]
- S. 2709**—A bill to extend and reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.
By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Warner, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Mr. Kaine), [30JY]
Read the first time, [30JY]
Read the second time, [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [9SE]
- S. 2710**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Thune), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [8SE], [9SE], [18NO]
- S. 2711**—A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN, [30JY]
- S. 2712**—A bill to amend section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. DURBIN, [30JY]
- S. 2713**—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [30JY]
- S. 2714**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [9SE], [16SE], [18SE], [12NO], [2DE], [3DE]
- S. 2715**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the alternative simplified research credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARPER, [31JY]
- S. 2716**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the sites associated with the forced relocation and confinement of the Aleut people during World War II in the State of Alaska as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BEGICH, [31JY]
- S. 2717**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a refundable credit for costs associated with Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [31JY]
- S. 2718**—A bill to promote youth athletic safety and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [31JY]
- S. 2719**—A bill to emphasize manufacturing in engineering programs by directing the National Institute of Standards and Technology, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies including the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and National Science Foundation, to designate United States manufacturing universities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Graham), [31JY]
- S. 2720**—A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to high priority corridors on the National Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. Burr), [31JY]
- S. 2721**—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to weight limitations for natural gas vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [31JY]
- S. 2722**—A bill to facilitate identification and dissemination of evidence-informed recommendations for addressing maternal addiction and neonatal abstinence syndrome and to provide for studies with respect to neonatal abstinence syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [31JY]
- S. 2723**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mrs. Murray, and Ms. Collins), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [2DE], [3DE], [4DE], [8DE]
- S. 2724**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of small

- business start-up savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [31JY]
- S. 2725—A bill to address noncompliance by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Wicker), [31JY]
- S. 2726—A bill to clarify the definition of nonadmitted insurer under the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Graham), [31JY]
- S. 2727—A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [31JY]
- S. 2728—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide community-based medical education payments to primary care teaching centers, to provide for a Medicare indirect medical education performance adjustment, and to increase Medicare graduate medical education transparency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [31JY]
- S. 2729—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [31JY]
- S. 2730—A bill to establish or integrate an online significant event tracker (SET) system for tracking, reporting, and summarizing exposures of members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve components thereof, to traumatic events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [31JY]
- S. 2731—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Portman), [31JY]
- S. 2732—A bill to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Donnelly), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [9SE], [20NO]
- S. 2733—A bill to establish a certification process for opting out of the individual health insurance mandate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [31JY]
- S. 2734—A bill to improve timber management of Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WYDEN, [31JY]
- S. 2735—A bill to provide for an extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [31JY]
- S. 2736—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent identity theft related tax refund fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Wyden), [31JY]
- S. 2737—A bill to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Merkley, and Ms. Baldwin), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [15SE]
- S. 2738—A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Begich), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [15SE], [18NO], [2DE]
- S. 2739—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make qualified biogas property eligible for the energy credit and to permit new clean renewable energy bonds to finance qualified biogas property; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [31JY]
- S. 2740—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Ms. HEITKAMP, [31JY]
- S. 2741—An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [31JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113-233), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- S. 2742—A bill to provide for public notice and input prior to the closure, consolidation, or public access limitation of field or hearing offices of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Begich), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [15SE], [12NO]
- S. 2743—A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Flake, Mr. Coats, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Cochran), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2744—A bill to authorize a settlement in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Department of the Interior, and counties within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. HAGAN, [31JY]
- S. 2745—A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. Fischer), [31JY]
- S. 2746—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [16SE], [17SE], [18SE], [12NO], [17NO], [18NO], [19NO], [20NO]
- S. 2747—A bill to require Federal agencies to review certain rules and regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK, [31JY]
- S. 2748—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LEE, [31JY]
- S. 2749—A bill to establish a board of directors and CEO to oversee the Federal Exchange and State Exchanges, and to provide health insurance oversight; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN, [31JY]
- S. 2750—A bill to encourage investments in airports through public-private partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. KIRK, [31JY]
- S. 2751—A bill to provide payments to States for activities to expand early voting access, provide for an equitable distribution of early voting polling locations, including early voting polling locations on Indian tribal land, and to implement voter registration reforms for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. WALSH, [31JY]
- S. 2752—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the disclosure of certain expenditures under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. LEE, [31JY]
- S. 2753—A bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists by low-income local educational agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER, [31JY]
- S. 2754—A bill to provide limits on bundling, to reform the lobbyist registration process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. BENNET, [31JY]
- S. 2755—A bill to prevent deaths occurring from drug overdoses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Leahy), [31JY]
- S. 2756—A bill to promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Lee), [31JY]
- S. 2757—A bill to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Markey), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. 2758—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to modernize C-130 aircraft using alternative communication, navigation, surveillance, and air traffic management program kits and to ensure that such aircraft meet applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Begich, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Carper), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [17SE]
- S. 2759—A bill to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on

- the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [31JY]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–282), [1DE]
Placed on the calendar, [1DE]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Passed House, [9DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–285] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 2760**—A bill to extend National Highway Traffic Safety Administration authorizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. McCASKILL, [31JY]
- S. 2761**—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to permit the consolidation of metropolitan planning organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BOOKER, [31JY]
- S. 2762**—A bill to prevent future propane shortages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Ms. Baldwin), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [18SE], [19NO], [3DE], [15DE]
- S. 2763**—A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to create a collaborative network with a single point of entry for services and supports, to improve programs to prevent elder financial exploitation, to create a community care wrap-around support demonstration program, and to create a national campaign to raise awareness of the aging network and promote advance integrated long-term care planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MERKLEY, [31JY]
- S. 2764**—A bill to support country-of-origin labeling, ban imports of fresh meat and meat food products from countries with foot-and-mouth disease, reform certain livestock programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. WALSH, [31JY]
- S. 2765**—A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [31JY]
- S. 2766**—A bill to combat terrorism and promote reform in the Palestinian Authority and the United Nations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO, [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU]
- S. 2767**—A bill to prohibit the fraudulent transfer of custody of unaccompanied alien children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK, [31JY]
- S. 2768**—A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to expand the use of categorical exclusions for hazardous fuel reduction projects; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Hatch), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU]
- S. 2769**—A bill to ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal Government actions by amending the prohibition on the exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Cornyn), [31JY]
- S. 2770**—A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WALSH, [31JY]
- S. 2771**—A bill to establish a WaterSense program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [5AU]
- S. 2772**—A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
By Mr. FLAKE, [31JY]
Read the first time, [31JY]
Read the second time, [1AU]
Placed on the calendar, [1AU]
- S. 2773**—A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. McConnell), [31JY]
Read the first time, [31JY]
Read the second time, [1AU]
Placed on the calendar, [1AU]
- S. 2774**—A bill to require all recreational vessels to have and to post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [1AU]
- S. 2775**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt aircraft management services from the ticket tax; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]
- S. 2776**—A bill to establish a Carbon Capture and Sequestration Deployment Acceleration Fund to promote the establishment of not fewer than 10 commercial-scale carbon capture and sequestration units in the United States during the next 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WALSH, [1AU]
- S. 2777**—A bill to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Thune), [8SE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–321), [12DE]
- S. 2778**—A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Nelson), [8SE]
Reported (no written report), [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
- S. 2779**—A bill to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [8SE]
Read the first time, [8SE]
Read the second time, [9SE]
Placed on the calendar, [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE], [13NO]
- S. 2780**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. McCONNELL, [9SE]
- S. 2781**—A bill to improve student and exchange visitor visa programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [11SE], [18SE]
- S. 2782**—A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [15SE], [16SE], [17SE], [18SE], [12NO], [13NO], [18NO]
- S. 2783**—A bill to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [10SE]
- S. 2784**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out activities to improve rail safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Murphy), [10SE]
- S. 2785**—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a health advisory and submit reports with respect to microcystins in drinking water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11DE]
- S. 2786**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent earnings stripping of domestic corporations which are members of a worldwide group of corporations which includes an inverted corporation and to require agreements with respect to certain related party transactions with those members; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coons, Mr. Rockefeller, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Reed, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Levin, and Ms. Warren), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [15SE]
- S. 2787**—A bill to expand and clarify the prohibition on inaccurate caller ID information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [17NO]
- S. 2788**—A bill to provide support for the development of middle school career exploration programs linked to career and technical education programs of study; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Warner), [10SE]
- S. 2789**—A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Reed, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Casey, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Warren, and Mrs. Hagan), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [11SE], [18SE], [4DE]
- S. 2790**—A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to permit a prevailing party in an action or proceeding brought to enforce the Act to be awarded expert witness fees and certain other expenses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [10SE]
- S. 2791**—A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power

- supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [10SE]
- S. 2792—A bill to establish a tax credit for on-site apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. Collins), [11SE]
- S. 2793—A bill to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Merkley), [11SE]
Cosponsors added, [16SE], [17SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [18SE]
- S. 2794—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of overseas excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [11SE]
- S. 2795—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the definition of eligible program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Kaine), [11SE]
Cosponsors added, [15SE], [18SE], [18NO]
- S. 2796—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the income protection allowances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Kaine), [11SE]
Cosponsors added, [16SE], [18SE], [18NO]
- S. 2797—A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to update a program to provide assistance for the planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, or treat municipal combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, and to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to update certain guidance used to develop and determine the financial capability of communities to implement clean water infrastructure programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN, [11SE]
- S. 2798—A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to create an electronic database of research and information on the causes of, and corrective actions being taken with regard to, algal blooms in the Great Lakes, their tributaries, and other surface fresh waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [11SE]
- S. 2799—A bill to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. Thune), [11SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17SE]
Placed on the calendar, [17SE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–322), [12DE]
- S. 2800—A bill to create a patient-centered quality of care initiative for seriously ill patients through the establishment of a stakeholder strategic summit, quality of life education and awareness initiative, health care workforce training, an advisory committee, and palliative care focused research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. King), [11SE]
- S. 2801—A bill to provide for conditions on the renewal of health insurance plans purchased through Exchanges; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Thune), [11SE]
- S. 2802—A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 and the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 to strengthen research in adult education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. REED, [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [16SE]
- S. 2803—A bill to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. KING, [15SE]
- S. 2804—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. Booker), [15SE]
- S. 2805—A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Billings, Montana, as the “Bear Root Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Walsh), [15SE]
- S. 2806—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for dependent care savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [15SE]
- S. 2807—A bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [10DE]
- S. 2808—A bill to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. VITTER, [15SE]
- S. 2809—A bill to require the Environmental Protection Agency to obtain a court order to garnish wages to pay a nontax debt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Paul, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Flake, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Enzi), [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [16SE], [17SE]
- S. 2810—A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop procedures to share certain information with State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [15SE]
- S. 2811—A bill to prohibit the distribution in commerce of children’s products and upholstered furniture containing certain flame retardants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2812—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a simplified income-driven repayment plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. Burr), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]
- S. 2813—A bill to establish the National Prostate Cancer Council for improved screening, early detection, assessment, and monitoring of prostate cancer, and to direct the development and implementation of a national strategic plan to expedite advancement of diagnostic tools and the transfer of such tools to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Sessions), [16SE]
- S. 2814—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE], [18SE], [13NO]
- S. 2815—A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to extend the term of marketing assistance loans in cases in which a purchaser has bought the loan commodity subject to the loan and declared bankruptcy prior to paying for the loan commodity; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [16SE]
- S. 2816—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the specific exemption for professional football leagues and to provide a special rule for other professional sports leagues, and to provide an additional authorization of appropriations for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BOOKER, [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [4DE]
- S. 2817—A bill to assign the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis of the Federal Communications Commission the responsibility of bringing institutional focus to the important function of approving new technologies and improving regulatory certainty at the Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mrs. FISCHER, [16SE]
- S. 2818—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Moran), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. 2819—A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Markey), [16SE]
- S. 2820—A bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain Federal land in Garden Valley, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. REID, [16SE]
- S. 2821—A bill to authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [16SE]
- S. 2822—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [16SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [10DE]
- S. 2823—A bill to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Manchin), [16SE]
- S. 2824—A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. RUBIO, [16SE]

- S. 2825—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to treat as dispensing the delivery of a controlled substance by a pharmacy to a practitioner, pursuant to a patient-specific prescription of the practitioner, under certain circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Cornyn), [16SE]
- S. 2826—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a percentage of student loan forgiveness for public service employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Ms. Warren), [16SE]
- S. 2827—A bill to amend section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude Federal student aid from taxable gross income; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S. 2828—A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Markey), [16SE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO], [17NO], [19NO], [20NO], [2DE], [11DE]
Passed Senate amended, [11DE]
- S. 2829—A bill to require certain financial regulators to determine whether new regulations or orders are duplicative or inconsistent with existing Federal regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. WICKER, [16SE]
- S. 2830—A bill to permanently reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Indians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Franken), [16SE]
- S. 2831—A bill to direct the President to establish an interagency mechanism to coordinate United States development programs and private sector investment activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [16SE]
- S. 2832—A bill to provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. Stabenow), [16SE]
- S. 2833—A bill to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Coats, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Boozman), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE], [1DE]
- S. 2834—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect employment and training services for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Manchin), [17SE]
- S. 2835—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable tax credit for certain storm shelters; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. PRYOR, [17SE]
- S. 2836—A bill to provide for an integrated plan for the space launch activities of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [17SE]
- S. 2837—A bill to count revenues from military and veteran education programs toward the limit on Federal revenues that certain proprietary institutions of higher education are allowed to receive for purposes of section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CARPER, [17SE]
- S. 2838—A bill to provide for duty-free treatment of certain recreational performance outerwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Portman, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Leahy), [17SE]
- S. 2839—A bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. Portman, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Ayotte, and Mr. Leahy), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [18NO], [2DE], [12DE]
- S. 2840—A bill to authorize funding for, and increase accessibility to, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide incentive grants to help facilitate reporting to such systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Schumer), [17SE]
- S. 2841—A bill to provide for a study by the Institute of Medicine on health disparities, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop guidelines on reducing health disparities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BOOKER, [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]
- S. 2842—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Caregiver Corps Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [17SE]
- S. 2843—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide certain members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are victims of sex-related offenses with access to a special victims' counsel; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Ayotte), [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]
- S. 2844—A bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Sanders), [17SE]
- S. 2845—A bill to establish the Southern Prairie Potholes National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. HARKIN, [17SE]
- S. 2846—A bill to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should use his existing authority to revoke the passports of United States citizens who have provided material support to ISIS and to require the Secretary to submit a quarterly report to Congress on the use of such authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [17SE]
- S. 2847—A bill to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER, [17SE]
- S. 2848—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Heinrich), [17SE]
- Cosponsors added, [18SE], [20NO]
- S. 2849—A bill to strengthen student achievement and graduation rates and prepare youth for postsecondary education at institutions of higher education, careers, and citizenship through innovative partnerships that meet the comprehensive needs of youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Brown), [17SE]
- S. 2850—A bill to amend the Small Business Act to create a program to provide funding for organizations that support startup businesses in formation and early growth stages by providing entrepreneurs with resources and services to produce viable businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Mr. BOOKER, [17SE]
- S. 2851—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. 2852—A bill to clarify membership requirements for the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Ms. Hirono), [18SE]
- S. 2853—A bill to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Cardin), [18SE]
- S. 2854—A bill to establish pilot programs to encourage the use of shared equity mortgage modifications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. Warren, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Blumenthal), [18SE]
- S. 2855—A bill to amend the nondiscrimination provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect older, longer, service participants; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [18SE]
- S. 2856—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production of electricity from renewable resources for certain open-loop biomass and trash facilities placed in service before the date of the enactment of this Act; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Collins), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. 2857—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Murphy), [18SE]
- S. 2858—A bill to enhance rail safety and provide for the safe transport of hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [18SE]
- S. 2859—A bill to promote apprenticeships for credentials and employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [18SE]
- S. 2860—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support early college high schools and other dual or concurrent enrollment programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Mrs. Hagan), [18SE]

- S. 2861—A bill to authorize the Central Everglades Planning Project, Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [18SE]
- S. 2862—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [13NO]
- S. 2863—A bill to require the Secretary of Education to complete a data analysis on the impact of the proposed rule on gainful employment prior to issuing a final rule on gainful employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Scott), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. 2864—A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a national strategic action plan to assist health professionals in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Whitehouse), [18SE]
- S. 2865—A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for voter registration through the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Begich), [18SE]
- S. 2866—A bill to authorize grants for the support of caregivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. BOOKER, [18SE]
- S. 2867—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Portman), [18SE]
- S. 2868—A bill to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Levin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Shaheen, and Ms. Warren), [18SE]
- S. 2869—A bill to enhance the homeland security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. COATS, [18SE]
- S. 2870—A bill to amend certain provisions of the Social Security Act relating to demonstration projects designed to provide unemployed workers with the information, skills, and relationships they need for reemployment; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. King), [18SE]
- S. 2871—A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Heller), [18SE]
- S. 2872—A bill to protect individuals by strengthening the Nation's mental health infrastructure, improving the understanding of violence, strengthening firearm prohibitions and protections for at-risk individuals, and improving and expanding the reporting of mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. BLUMENTHAL, [18SE]
- S. 2873—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Enzi), [18SE]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–301), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 2874—A bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to eliminate the use of valid court orders to secure lockup of status offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. CASEY, [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. 2875—A bill to codify in law the establishment and duties of the Office of Complex Administrative Investigations in the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services. By Mr. BEGICH, [18SE]
- S. 2876—A bill to establish a public education and awareness and access program relating to emergency contraception; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Warren, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Booker), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO], [17NO], [1DE]
- S. 2877—A bill to appropriately manage the debt of the United States by limiting the use of extraordinary measures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. By Mr. VITTER, [18SE]
- S. 2878—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from income for student loan forgiveness for students in certain income-based or income-contingent repayment programs who have completed payment obligations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. MENENDEZ, [18SE]
- S. 2879—A bill to provide for the implementation of a Sustainable Chemistry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Isakson), [18SE]
- S. 2880—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, [18SE]
- S. 2881—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the treatment of seasonal positions for purposes of the employer shared responsibility requirement; to the Committee on Finance. By Ms. AYOTTE, [18SE]
- S. 2882—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain individuals a credit against income tax for contributions to 529 plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. McCONNELL, [18SE]
- S. 2883—A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on the entrepreneurial impact of technology transfer at the National Laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. HEINRICH, [18SE]
- S. 2884—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit tax-exempt status to professional sports leagues that promote the use of the term redskins; to the Committee on Finance. By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [18SE]
- S. 2885—A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. LEE, [18SE]
- S. 2886—A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner to commemorate the lives they lost 50 years ago in an effort to bring justice and equality to Americans in Mississippi during Freedom Summer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Cochran), [18SE]
- S. 2887—A bill to expand access to transportation services for individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. HARKIN, [18SE]
- S. 2888—A bill to promote the provision of exercise and fitness equipment that is accessible to individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. HARKIN, [18SE]
- S. 2889—A bill to require compliance with established universal home design guidelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. By Mr. HARKIN, [18SE]
- S. 2890—A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program that develops an information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinates the collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. King, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Begich, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Reed), [18SE]
- S. 2891—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish an innovation in surface transportation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Begich, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Casey), [18SE]
- S. 2892—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Vitter), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. 2893—A bill to authorize the use of multifamily housing subject to a mortgage insured under section 207 of the National Housing Act as short-term residential housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [18SE]
- S. 2894—A bill to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. By Mr. HOEVEN, [18SE]
- S. 2895—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to include in income the unrepatriated earnings of groups that include an inverted corporation; to the Committee on Finance. By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [18SE]
- S. 2896—A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to adjust for inflation the amount that is exempt from administrative offsets by the Department of Education for defaulted student loans; to the Committee on Finance. By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Nelson), [18SE]
- S. 2897—A bill to establish a program that promotes reforms in workforce education and skill training for manufacturing in States and metropolitan areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [18SE]
- S. 2898—A bill to provide consumer protections for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Harkin), [18SE]

- Cosponsors added, [9DE]
- S. 2899**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [18SE]
- S. 2900**—A bill to create livable communities through coordinated public investment and streamlined requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Franken, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Wyden), [18SE]
- S. 2901**—A bill to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing rebates for the purchase and installation of an additional 10,000,000 photovoltaic systems by 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. Merkley, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Menendez), [18SE]
- S. 2902**—A bill to prohibit the sale or distribution of certain cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [18SE]
- S. 2903**—A bill to reform the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [18SE]
- S. 2904**—A bill to prevent the militarization of Federal, State, and local law enforcement by Federal excess property transfers and grant programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. COBURN, [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]
- S. 2905**—A bill to require the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to calculate a carbon score for each bill or resolution; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. SANDERS, [18SE]
- S. 2906**—A bill to provide for the treatment and extension of temporary financing of short-time compensation programs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Whitehouse), [18SE]
- S. 2907**—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy-related jobs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. Heinrich), [18SE]
- S. 2908**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand eligibility for the refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [18SE]
- S. 2909**—A bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to end extreme global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote enduring, long-term, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilient, adaptive, local capacity of vulnerable populations, and for other related purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Coons, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Boozman), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [4DE]
- S. 2910**—A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [18SE]
- S. 2911**—A bill to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Coons, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Merkley, Mr. King, and Ms. Warren), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]
- S. 2912**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. McConnell), [18SE]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
- S. 2913**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [12NO]
- S. 2914**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the “London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [12NO]
- S. 2915**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the “Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Brown), [12NO]
- S. 2916**—A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to promote watershed health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Udall of New Mexico), [12NO]
- S. 2917**—A bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Burr, Mr. Casey, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Franken, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Scott, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Warren, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Markey, Mr. Brown, Mr. Coburn, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Durbin), [12NO]
Cosponsors added, [13NO], [17NO], [19NO]
Reported (no written report), [19NO]
Placed on the calendar, [19NO]
Passed Senate, [2DE]
Passed House, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–233] (signed December 16, 2014)
- S. 2918**—A bill to designate Federal election day as a public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SANDERS, [12NO]
- S. 2919**—A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “widow” and “widower”, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. LEAHY, [12NO]
- S. 2920**—A bill to deny Social Security benefits and other benefits to individuals who participated in Nazi persecution; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Schumer, and Mr. Nelson), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [18NO], [20NO]
- S. 2921**—A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the “Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. DURBIN, [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [17NO]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [3DE]
Passed House, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–234] (signed December 16, 2014)
- S. 2922**—A bill to reinstate reporting requirements related to United States-Hong Kong relations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Merkley), [13NO]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–313), [12DE]
- S. 2923**—A bill to restore an opportunity for economic development by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER, [13NO]
- S. 2924**—A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt oil vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Boozman, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Vitter, and Mrs. McCaskill), [13NO]
Cosponsors added, [17NO], [1DE]
- S. 2925**—A bill to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [13NO]
- S. 2926**—A bill to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in the State of Rhode Island; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. REED, [13NO]
- S. 2927**—A bill to strengthen Inspector General audits and investigations by streamlining computer matching agreements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. COBURN, [13NO]
- S. 2928**—A bill to prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing certain decisions that will raise costs for ratepayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [13NO]
- S. 2929**—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review the decisions of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation affecting cost allocation under system support resources agreements; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Ms. STABENOW, [17NO]
- S. 2930**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of an evaluation of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Manchin, and Ms. Murkowski), [17NO]
Cosponsors added, [19NO], [20NO], [3DE], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [12DE]
- S. 2931**—A bill to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules and consideration

- of the least burdensome regulatory alternative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. Crapo), [17NO]
Cosponsors added, [18NO]
- S. 2932**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [17NO]
- S. 2933**—A bill to prohibit the unauthorized use of electronic tracking devices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [17NO]
- S. 2934**—A bill to prohibit trespassing on critical infrastructure used in or affecting interstate commerce to commit a criminal offense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [17NO]
- S. 2935**—A bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [17NO]
- S. 2936**—A bill to provide that in the case of leases to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools, consideration may be at or below fair market value or for no consideration; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. SCOTT, [18NO]
- S. 2937**—A bill to require the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. REED, [18NO]
- S. 2938**—A bill to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA-20139 and CA-22901, and other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [18NO]
- S. 2939**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and to provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TESTER, [18NO]
- S. 2940**—A bill to provide for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emission fees; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Schatz), [19NO]
- S. 2941**—A bill to combat human trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [11DE]
- S. 2942**—A bill to establish a Hospital Fund for the treatment of individuals with Ebola or other specified infectious diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. Portman), [19NO]
- S. 2943**—A bill to amend Public Law 110-299 to extend the time period during which permits are not required for certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Whitehouse), [19NO]
Removal of cosponsors, [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [20NO], [1DE]
- S. 2944**—A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of Social Security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. HATCH, [19NO]
- Cosponsors added, [20NO], [1DE], [2DE], [3DE]
- S. 2945**—A bill to repeal section 910 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI, [19NO]
Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. 2946**—A bill to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Corker, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Flake), [19NO]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113-286), [8DE]
Placed on the calendar, [8DE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]
- S. 2947**—A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to clarify the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to prescribe just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory or preferential terms, conditions, and compensation applicable to wholesale demand response resource participation in organized wholesale energy, capacity, and ancillary service markets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HEINRICH, [20NO]
- S. 2948**—A bill to extend the requirement that drug manufacturers that increase prices faster than inflation pay an additional rebate to State Medicaid programs to include manufacturers of generic drugs; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. SANDERS, [20NO]
- S. 2949**—A bill to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Heller, Mrs. McCaskill, and Ms. Klobuchar), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]
- S. 2950**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. MORAN, [20NO]
- S. 2951**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is informed of the interment of deceased veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER, [20NO]
- S. 2952**—A bill to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mrs. MURRAY, [20NO]
- S. 2953**—A bill to prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Kirk), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [4DE]
- S. 2954**—A bill to improve the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HARKIN, [20NO]
- S. 2955**—A bill to revise the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Franken), [20NO]
- S. 2956**—A bill to prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Booker), [20NO]
- S. 2957**—A bill to limit the disturbance to American families caused by electioneering phone calls by expanding the National Do Not Call Registry to include Super PACs and other third-party political groups, to prohibit robo-calls to Americans who have listed their telephone numbers on the Registry, and to prohibit push-polling; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH, [20NO]
- S. 2958**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the employer wage credit for employees who are active duty members of the Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [20NO]
- S. 2959**—A bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Warner), [20NO]
- S. 2960**—A bill to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Murkowski), [20NO]
- S. 2961**—A bill to establish the Office of Planning for Future Intercity Transportation within the Office of the Secretary of Transportation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BEGICH, [20NO]
- S. 2962**—A bill to repeal the tax increase imposed by Obamacare on taxpayers who incur catastrophic medical expenses; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [20NO]
- S. 2963**—A bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Markey, Ms. Warren, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Merkley), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [1DE], [3DE], [4DE]
Reported (S. Rept. 113-284), [4DE]
Placed on the calendar, [4DE]
- S. 2964**—A bill to extend the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Stabenow), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [2DE], [8DE]
- S. 2965**—A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CRUZ, [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]
- S. 2966**—A bill to improve the understanding and coordination of critical care health services; to the Committee on Finance.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [20NO]
Cosponsors added, [2DE]
- S. 2967**—A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from mandating, incentivizing, or coercing States to adopt the Common Core State Standards or any other specific academic standards, instructional content, curricula, assessments, or programs of instruction; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [2DE]
- S. 2968**—A bill to include community partners and intermediaries in the planning and delivery of education and related programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [2DE]

- S. 2969**—A bill to authorize the transfer of certain items under the control of the Omar Bradley Foundation to the descendants of General Omar Bradley; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [2DE]
- S. 2970**—A bill to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [2DE]
Read the first time, [2DE]
Read the second time, [3DE]
Placed on the calendar, [3DE]
- S. 2971**—A bill to promote energy efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. Portman), [3DE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE], [16DE]
- S. 2972**—A bill to require all equestrian helmets manufactured or sold in the United States to meet a minimum safety standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Carper), [3DE]
- S. 2973**—A bill to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. Heinrich, [4DE]
- S. 2974**—A bill to provide for a review of, and repeal of, the antitrust exemptions for professional sports; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. Blumenthal, [4DE]
- S. 2975**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. Portman (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [4DE]
Cosponsors added, [9DE]
- S. 2976**—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. Collins (for herself and Ms. Klobuchar), [4DE]
- S. 2977**—A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. Bennet (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [4DE]
- S. 2978**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an American World War II City, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. Burr, [4DE]
- S. 2979**—A bill to extend eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home and domiciliary care for certain veterans who served in a theater of combat operations; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
By Mr. Walsh (for himself and Mr. Tester), [4DE]
- S. 2980**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify payment under the Medicare Program for outpatient department procedures that utilize drugs as supplies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. Menendez (for himself, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Burr), [4DE]
- S. 2981**—A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from mandating the deployment of vulnerabilities in data security technologies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. Wyden, [4DE]
- S. 2982**—A bill to provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. Toomey, [4DE]
- S. 2983**—A bill to allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall of United States Merchant Marine Academy after gift by United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc., for renovation of such hall and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. Wicker, [4DE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11DE]
- S. 2984**—A bill to modify the definition of cotton futures contracts in the United States Cotton Futures Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. Chambliss, [4DE]
- S. 2985**—A bill to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. Klobuchar (for herself and Mr. Franken), [4DE]
- S. 2986**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. Schatz, [4DE]
- S. 2987**—A bill to expand the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [8DE]
- S. 2988**—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish a Federal regulatory budget and to impose cost controls on that budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. LEE, [8DE]
- S. 2989**—A bill to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. Heinrich), [8DE]
- S. 2990**—A bill to establish a State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. Collins, and Mrs. Shaheen), [9DE]
Cosponsors added, [11DE]
- S. 2991**—A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Nation's fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. BEGICH, [9DE]
- S. 2992**—A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [9DE]
Read the first time, [9DE]
Read the second time, [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- S. 2993**—A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the determination of cohort default rates and provide for enhanced civil penalties, and to authorize the establishment of an institutional risk-sharing commission; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Harkin), [10DE]
- S. 2994**—A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate the administration and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BROWN, [10DE]
- S. 2995**—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities that are seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet wastewater and stormwater obligations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [10DE]
- S. 2996**—A bill to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [10DE]
- S. 2997**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [10DE]
- S. 2998**—A bill to allow for the portability of funds under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER, [11DE]
- S. 2999**—A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [11DE]
- S. 3000**—A bill to establish the Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. HATCH, [11DE]
- S. 3001**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. Moran), [11DE]
- S. 3002**—A bill to control the spread of aquatic invasive species between the Great Lakes basin and the Mississippi River basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Levin, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Baldwin), [11DE]
- S. 3003**—A bill to protect the Social Security Disability Insurance program and provide other support for working disabled Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. COBURN, [11DE]
- S. 3004**—A bill to promote the development of meaningful treatments for patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. Bennet), [11DE]
- S. 3005**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a progressive consumption tax and to reform the income tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. CARDIN, [11DE]
- S. 3006**—A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- By Mr. MORAN, [11DE]
- S. 3007**—A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary services; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Heinrich), [11DE]
- S. 3008**—A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.
- By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [11DE]
- Passed Senate, [11DE]
- Passed House, [12DE]
- Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–286] (signed December 18, 2014)
- S. 3009**—A bill to improve end-of-life care; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Rockefeller), [12DE]
- S. 3010**—A bill to improve the enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mrs. McCASKILL, [12DE]
- S. 3011**—A bill to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- By Mr. HATCH, [12DE]
- S. 3012**—A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. MENENDEZ, [12DE]
- S. 3013**—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent manipulation of physical commodities prices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. McCain), [12DE]
- S. 3014**—A bill to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. Shaheen), [12DE]
- S. 3015**—A bill to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. PAUL, [12DE]
- Cosponsors added, [16DE]
- S. 3016**—A bill to amend the Act of July 31, 1947, to provide for the termination of certain mineral materials contracts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- By Mr. HEINRICH, [12DE]
- S. 3017**—A bill to provide a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to allow the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the Forest Service to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mr. HATCH, [12DE]
- S. 3018**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the rules relating to partnership audits and adjustments; to the Committee on Finance.
- By Mr. LEVIN, [16DE]
- S. 3019**—A bill to amend the War Powers Resolution to provide for the use of military force against non-state actors; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. LEVIN, [16DE]
- S. 3020**—A bill to establish the composition known as America the Beautiful as the national anthem; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. HARKIN, [16DE]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

- S.J. Res. 2**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [9JN]
- S.J. Res. 10**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [13MY]
- S.J. Res. 15**—A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S.J. Res. 17**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [26MR]
- S.J. Res. 18**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [2AP], [7JY], [16JY]
- S.J. Res. 19**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [2AP], [28AP], [29AP], [30AP], [1MY], [6MY], [8MY], [12MY], [20MY], [2JN], [5JN], [7JY], [8JY], [15JY], [30JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [17JY]
Placed on the calendar, [17JY]
Report to accompany (S. Rept. 113–223), [30JY]
Motion to proceed considered, [31JY], [1AU], [8SE], [9SE], [10SE]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [8SE]
Cloture on joint resolution not invoked, [9SE]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [10SE]
Considered, [10SE], [11SE]
- S.J. Res. 20**—A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [12FE]
- S.J. Res. 28**—A joint resolution providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institute; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [29JA]
Passed House, [11FE]
Presented to the President (February 14, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–84] (signed February 21, 2014)
- S.J. Res. 29**—A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [29JA]
Passed House, [11FE]
Presented to the President (February 14, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–85] (signed February 21, 2014)
- S.J. Res. 30**—A joint resolution to disapprove a rule of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to greenhouse gas emissions from electric utility generating units; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Moran, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Portman, Mr. Thune, Mr. Paul, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Flake, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Risch, Mr. Burr, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Grassley, Mr. McCain, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Lee, Mr. Coats, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Corker, and Mr. Graham), [16JA]
- S.J. Res. 31**—A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives Office in the United States Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker) (by request), [10FE]
- S.J. Res. 32**—A joint resolution providing for the re-appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Reed), [4MR]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11MR]
Passed House, [13MR]
Presented to the President (March 14, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–91] (signed March 21, 2014)
- S.J. Res. 33**—A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Third Amendment to the Agreement for Co-operation Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Corker) (by request), [5MR]
- S.J. Res. 34**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Barrasso), [13MR]
- S.J. Res. 35**—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to liability under section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the shared responsibility payment for not maintaining minimum essential coverage; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Coats), [27MR]
- S.J. Res. 36**—A joint resolution relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [4JN], [5JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–221), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
- Passed Senate amended, [31JY]
- S.J. Res. 37**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. GRAHAM, [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [23JY], [28JY]
- S.J. Res. 38**—A joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [4JN]
Cosponsors added, [22JY]
- S.J. Res. 39**—A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. REID (by request), [9JN]
Committee on Foreign Relations discharged, [8SE]
Indefinitely postponed, [8SE]
- S.J. Res. 40**—A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Reed), [8JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [23JY]
Passed House, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 29, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–184] (signed September 29, 2014)
- S.J. Res. 41**—A joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [31JY]
Cosponsors added, [10SE], [11SE]
- S.J. Res. 42**—A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. NELSON, [8SE]
- S.J. Res. 43**—A joint resolution to authorize the use of force against the organization called the Islamic State in order to defend the American people and assist the Iraqi Government in expelling the Islamic State from their territory; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. INHOFE, [8SE]
- S.J. Res. 44**—A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. KAINÉ, [17SE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE]
- S.J. Res. 45**—A joint resolution providing for the re-appointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Reed), [12NO]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [4DE]
- S.J. Res. 46**—A joint resolution to declare that a state of war exists between the organization referring

to itself as the Islamic State and the Government and the people of the United States, and to make provisions to prosecute the same; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PAUL, [3DE]

S.J. Res. 47—An original joint resolution to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant; from the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ, [13DE]

Reported (S. Rept. 113-323), [13DE]
Placed on the calendar, [13DE]

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

- S. Con. Res. 6**—A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act; to the Committee on Finance.
Cosponsors added, [27FE], [5MR], [13MY]
- S. Con. Res. 7**—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, or to any similar agreement on the arms trade; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [25FE]
- S. Con. Res. 13**—A concurrent resolution commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for its role in improving outcomes for millions of young people and thousands of communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [16JA], [24FE]
- S. Con. Res. 21**—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and the Federal approvals required for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline are in the national interest of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Cosponsors added, [4FE]
- S. Con. Res. 26**—A concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [8JA], [16JA], [27JA], [28JA]
- S. Con. Res. 30**—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
- S. Con. Res. 31**—A concurrent resolution designating January 2014 as “National Blood Donor Month”.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Coburn), [29JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JA]
- S. Con. Res. 32**—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, whether committed by officials of the Government of Syria, or members of other groups involved in civil war in Syria, and calling on the President to direct the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to immediately promote the establishment of a Syrian war crimes tribunal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [25FE]
Cosponsors added, [26FE], [4MR], [5JN], [16JN]
- S. Con. Res. 33**—A concurrent resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Cochran), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [12MR], [13MR], [3AP], [7AP], [9AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [9AP]
- S. Con. Res. 34**—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should hold the Russian Federation accountable for being in material breach of its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Risch), [25MR]
Cosponsors added, [10AP]
- S. Con. Res. 35**—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. REID, [9AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9AP]
Agreed to in the House, [10AP]
- S. Con. Res. 36**—A concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the next of kin or personal representative of Raoul Wallenberg.
By Mrs. GILLIBRAND, [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
Agreed to in the House, [9JN]
- S. Con. Res. 37**—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol in commemoration of the Shimon Peres Congressional Gold Medal ceremony.
By Ms. AYOTTE, [11JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11JN]
Agreed to in the House, [17JN]
- S. Con. Res. 38**—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Warren Weinstein should be returned home to his family; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Cardin), [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [8SE], [8DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
- S. Con. Res. 39**—A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding support for voluntary, incentive-based, private land conservation implemented through cooperation with local soil and water conservation districts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Donnelly), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [24JY]
- S. Con. Res. 40**—A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. CASEY, [14JY]
- S. Con. Res. 41**—A concurrent resolution denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mrs. Gillibrand), [24JY]
- S. Con. Res. 42**—A concurrent resolution recognizing caregiving as a profession and the extraordinary contributions of paid and family caregivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Ms. Ayotte), [31JY]
- S. Con. Res. 43**—A concurrent resolution expressing support for designation of a “National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. Murkowski), [17SE]
- S. Con. Res. 44**—A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.
By Mr. REID, [18SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
Agreed to in the House, [19SE]

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

- S. Res. 26**—A resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. Res. 91**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- S. Res. 102**—A resolution expressing support for the designation of Saint Louis, Missouri, as the “National Chess Capital” of the United States to enhance awareness of the educational benefits of chess and to encourage schools and community centers to engage in chess programs to promote problem-solving, critical thinking, spatial awareness, and goal setting; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]
- S. Res. 203**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [26FE]
- S. Res. 218**—A resolution honoring the legacy of A. Philip Randolph and saluting his efforts on behalf of the people of the United States to form “a more perfect union”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Cosponsors added, [22MY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]
- S. Res. 225**—A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish a joint select committee to investigate and report on the attack on the United States diplomatic facility and American personnel in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
Cosponsors added, [6MY]
- S. Res. 226**—A resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Cleveland “Jesse” Owens and honoring him for his accomplishments and steadfast commitment to promoting the civil rights of all people; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [16DE]
- S. Res. 270**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [3FE], [6FE]
Reported (no written report), [4FE]
Placed on the calendar, [4FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6FE]
- S. Res. 271**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that United States military assistance for Cambodia should be suspended until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the July 28, 2013, parliamentary elections, and election reforms are being implemented by the Government of Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [3FE]
- S. Res. 288**—A resolution supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Agreed to in the Senate, [7JA]
- S. Res. 289**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams and should be discouraged; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [6FE]
- S. Res. 303**—A resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer’s disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Cosponsors added, [12JN]
- S. Res. 312**—A resolution calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation’s history; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [9JA]
- S. Res. 314**—A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [14MY]
- S. Res. 317**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United States and Georgia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Cosponsors added, [9JA]
- S. Res. 318**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [7JA]
- S. Res. 319**—A resolution expressing support for the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovich’s decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Agreed to in the Senate, [7JA]
- S. Res. 323**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on maintaining the current annual adjustment in retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.
Cosponsors added, [15JA]
- S. Res. 328**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before further bilateral negotiations between the Government of Iran and the United States Government occur; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. Inhofe), [6JA]
Cosponsors added, [8JA]
- S. Res. 329**—A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, DC and designating April 21 through April 27, 2014, as “National Science and Technology Week”.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Ayotte, and Ms. Klobuchar), [7JA]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [7JA]
- S. Res. 330**—A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of “Smoking and Health—Report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the United States” and the significant progress in reducing the public health burden of tobacco use, and supporting an end to tobacco-related death and disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. King), [13JA]
Cosponsors added, [14JA], [15JA], [27JA]
- S. Res. 331**—A resolution congratulating the Florida State University football team for winning the 2014 Bowl Championship Series national championship.
By Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [13JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13JA]
- S. Res. 332**—A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [13JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13JA]
- S. Res. 333**—A resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Kaine, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Menendez), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA], [28JA], [29JA], [30JA], [4FE], [6FE]
Reported (no written report), [4FE]
Placed on the calendar, [4FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6FE]
- S. Res. 334**—A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. Johanns), [16JA]
Cosponsors added, [27JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [28JA]
- S. Res. 335**—A resolution designating January 2014 as “National Mentoring Month”.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Carper, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Scott, Ms. Warren, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Rubio), [16JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16JA]
- S. Res. 336**—A resolution designating the first week of April 2014 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”.
By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Isakson, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Tester), [16JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16JA]
- S. Res. 337**—A resolution expressing support for the designation of January 28, 2014, as “National Data Privacy Day”.
By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Thune, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Markey, Mr. Leahy,

- Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Nelson), [27JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27JA]
- S. Res. 338**—A resolution designating Diane K. Skvarla as Curator Emeritus of the United States Senate. By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [27JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27JA]
- S. Res. 339**—A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mayo Clinic; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Rubio, and Ms. Baldwin), [27JA]
Cosponsors added, [28JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [10FE]
- S. Res. 340**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary measures should be taken to protect children in the United States from human trafficking, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are trafficked for sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Booker), [28JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [3FE]
- S. Res. 341**—A resolution observing the 100th birthday of civil rights leader Daisy Bates and honoring her legacy as an American heroine; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. PRYOR, [29JA]
Cosponsors added, [30JA]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [3FE]
- S. Res. 342**—A resolution designating February 3 through 7, 2014, as “National School Counseling Week”. By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Levin, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Durbin), [30JA]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30JA]
- S. Res. 343**—A resolution establishing a Select Committee of the Senate to make a full and thorough investigation of the unauthorized disclosures of apparently classified information concerning the National Security Agency intelligence-collection programs, operations, and activities, including programs affecting Americans, to make findings based upon the investigation, and to make recommendations based on the investigation and findings; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. By Mr. MCCAIN, [4FE]
- S. Res. 344**—A resolution congratulating the Penn State University women’s volleyball team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women’s Volleyball Championship. By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [4FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4FE]
- S. Res. 345**—A resolution strongly supporting the restoration and protection of State authority and flexibility in establishing and defining challenging student academic standards and assessments, and strongly denouncing the President’s coercion of States into adopting the Common Core State Standards by conferring preferences in Federal grants and flexibility waivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Enzi), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [11FE]
- S. Res. 346**—A resolution congratulating the athletes from the State of Washington and across the United States who are set to participate in the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [6FE]
- S. Res. 347**—A resolution providing for completion of the accelerated transition of United States combat and military and security operations to the Government of Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. Lee, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Paul, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Begich, and Mr. Wyden), [6FE]
- S. Res. 348**—A resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. Casey, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Cornyn), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE], [24FE], [25FE], [5MR], [10MR], [11MR], [12MR], [24MR], [21MY]
- S. Res. 349**—A resolution celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Walla Walla Valley American Viticultural Area; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [6FE]
- S. Res. 350**—A resolution designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [6FE]
Cosponsors added, [12FE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [12FE]
- S. Res. 351**—A resolution requiring that legislation considered by the Senate be confined to a single issue; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. Barrasso), [6FE]
- S. Res. 352**—A resolution commemorating the success of Team USA in the past 22 Olympic Winter Games and supporting Team USA in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games. By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Bennet, and Mrs. Murray), [6FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6FE]
- S. Res. 353**—A resolution designating September 2014 as “National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month”; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. MARKEY, [11FE]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [2JN], [17SE]
- S. Res. 354**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should leave no member of the Armed Forces unaccounted for during the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services. By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Casey), [11FE]
- S. Res. 355**—A resolution calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to cease the extra-judicial release of Afghan detainees, carry out its commitments pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding governing the transfer of Afghan detainees from the United States custody to Afghan control and to uphold the Afghan Rule of Law with respect to the referral and disposition of detainees; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. McCain, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Levin), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [25FE], [12MR]
- S. Res. 356**—A resolution designating February 13, 2014, as “\$2.13 Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Markey, Ms. Warren, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Casey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Franken), [12FE]
- S. Res. 357**—A resolution expressing concern of undemocratic governance and the abuse of the rights of individuals in Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Risch), [12FE]
Cosponsors added, [4MR]
- S. Res. 358**—A resolution commending the Seattle Seahawks for winning Super Bowl XLVIII and the 12th Man for their critical support. By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [12FE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]
- S. Res. 359**—A resolution to constitute the majority party’s membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. By Mr. REID, [12FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12FE]
- S. Res. 360**—A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Onstad. By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [24FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24FE]
- S. Res. 361**—A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People’s Republic of China and urging the Government of the People’s Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Corker), [24FE]
Reported (no written report), [11MR]
Placed on the calendar, [11MR]
Cosponsors added, [27MR]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [8AP]
- S. Res. 362**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. Portman, and Ms. Baldwin), [26FE]
- S. Res. 363**—A resolution celebrating Black History Month. By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Levin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Begich, Ms. Murkowski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Markey, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Warner, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Coburn, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Portman, Mr. Carper, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Booker, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Franken, Mr. Scott, Ms. Warren, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [26FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26FE]
- S. Res. 364**—A resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Enzi), [27FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [27MR], [2AP], [8AP], [1MY], [6MY]
- S. Res. 365**—A resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cruz, and Mr. Nelson), [27FE]
Cosponsors added, [5MR], [10MR], [11MR], [12MR]
Reported (no written report), [11MR]
Placed on the calendar, [11MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE], [12MR]
- S. Res. 366**—A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Markey, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Brown), [27FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]
- S. Res. 367**—A resolution designating March 3, 2014, as “Read Across America Day”. By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. Collins), [27FE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]
- S. Res. 368**—A resolution designating February 28, 2014, as “Rare Disease Day”.

- By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Coons, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Pryor, and Ms. Warren), [27FE] Agreed to in the Senate, [27FE]
- S. Res. 369**—A resolution to designate May 22, 2014 as “United States Foreign Service Day” in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and to honor those in the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. MENENDEZ, [4MR] Cosponsors added, [27MR], [2AP], [7AP], [9AP], [13MY]
- S. Res. 370**—A resolution supporting the territorial integrity of Ukraine and condemning Russian military aggression in Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Graham, Mr. McCain, Mr. Portman, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Hoeven), [5MR] Cosponsors added, [6MR], [10MR]
- S. Res. 371**—A resolution honoring the legacy of Jan Karski by designating April 24, 2014, as “Jan Karski Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Durbin), [5MR] Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [1AP]
- S. Res. 372**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes’ Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. By Mr. MENENDEZ, [5MR] Cosponsors added, [24MR], [29AP], [18SE]
- S. Res. 373**—A resolution recognizing the importance of biosecurity and agro-defense in the United States. By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Blunt, and Mrs. McCaskill), [5MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [5MR]
- S. Res. 374**—A resolution designating March 3, 2014, as “World Wildlife Day”. By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Cardin), [5MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [5MR]
- S. Res. 375**—A resolution concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Flake), [5MR] Reported with amendment (no written report), [11MR] Placed on the calendar, [11MR] Agreed to in the Senate amended, [13MR]
- S. Res. 376**—A resolution supporting the goals of International Women’s Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Cardin, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Begich), [6MR] Cosponsors added, [10MR] Reported (no written report), [11MR] Placed on the calendar, [11MR] Agreed to in the Senate amended, [13MR]
- S. Res. 377**—A resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, and Mrs. Shaheen), [10MR] Cosponsors added, [12MR], [13MR], [27MR] Reported (no written report), [11MR] Placed on the calendar, [11MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]
- S. Res. 378**—A resolution condemning illegal Russian aggression in Ukraine. By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Coats, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Corker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Collins, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Coons, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Markey, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Portman, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Cruz, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Risch), [11MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [11MR]
- S. Res. 379**—A resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (“THON”) on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [11MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [11MR]
- S. Res. 380**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day. By Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [11MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [11MR]
- S. Res. 381**—A resolution congratulating the athletes from the United States who participated in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games as members of the United States Olympic Team. By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Hatch), [11MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [11MR]
- S. Res. 382**—A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to modify the provision relating to timing for filing of cloture motions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Coats, Mr. Paul, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Flake, Mr. Risch, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Lee, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Thune, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Barrasso, and Mr. Rubio), [12MR]
- S. Res. 383**—A resolution designating March 2014 as “National Middle Level Education Month”; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Walsh), [13MR]
- S. Res. 384**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Casey, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Warner, Mr. Kirk, Mr. King, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Cruz), [13MR] Cosponsors added, [25MR], [26MR], [31MR], [1AP], [2AP] Reported (no written report), [2AP] Placed on the calendar, [2AP] Agreed to in the Senate, [3AP]
- S. Res. 385**—A resolution expressing the Sense of the Senate regarding the use of electronic devices on the floor of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration. By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [13MR]
- S. Res. 386**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Levin, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [13MR]
- S. Res. 387**—A resolution celebrating the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, in Fairbanks, Alaska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. Begich), [13MR] Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [26MR]
- S. Res. 388**—A resolution designating March 22, 2014, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”. By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. Casey), [13MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]
- S. Res. 389**—A resolution designating the week of March 9, 2014, through March 15, 2014, as “National Youth Synthetic Drug Awareness Week”. By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Grassley, and Mrs. Feinstein), [13MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]
- S. Res. 390**—A resolution designating March 11, 2014, as “World Plumbing Day”. By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Hatch), [13MR] Cosponsors added, [24MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]
- S. Res. 391**—A resolution designating Jean M. Manning as Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the United States Senate. By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Hatch), [13MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]
- S. Res. 392**—A resolution to authorize document production and representation in Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al. By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [13MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [13MR]
- S. Res. 393**—A resolution supporting the goals of World Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness about tuberculosis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Isakson), [24MR]
- S. Res. 394**—A resolution designating April 5, 2014, as “Gold Star Wives Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. Murray), [24MR] Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [3AP]
- S. Res. 395**—A resolution designating the month of April 2014 as “Military and Veterans Caregiver Month”; to the Committee on the Judiciary. By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mrs. Murray), [25MR] Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [27MR]
- S. Res. 396**—A resolution designating March 25, 2014, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”. By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. Casey), [25MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [25MR]
- S. Res. 397**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week. By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Begich, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carper, Mr. Levin, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Kaine), [25MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [25MR]
- S. Res. 398**—A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [25MR] Agreed to in the Senate, [25MR]
- S. Res. 399**—A resolution expressing support for the American GI Forum; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. By Mr. CORNYN, [26MR]
- S. Res. 400**—A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Great Alaska Earthquake, which struck the State of Alaska at 5:36 p.m. on Good Friday, March 27, 1964, honoring those who lost their lives in the Great Alaska Earthquake and associated tsunamis, and expressing continued support for research on earthquake and tsunami prediction and mitigation strategies. By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Begich, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Wyden), [27MR]

- Agreed to in the Senate, [27MR]
- S. Res. 401**—A resolution recognizing Easy Company, 2nd Battalion of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [27MR]
- S. Res. 402**—A resolution expressing the regret of the Senate for the passage of section 3 of the Expatriation Act of 1907 (34 Stat. 1228) that revoked the United States citizenship of women who married foreign nationals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [7AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [14MY]
- S. Res. 403**—A resolution condemning the actions of the Government of Turkey in restricting free expression and Internet freedom on social media; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [27MR]
Cosponsors added, [31MR]
- S. Res. 404**—A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, and Ms. Warren), [27MR]
Considered, [31MR]
Cosponsors added, [1AP]
- S. Res. 405**—A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, as “National Assistant Principals Week”.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, and Mr. Schatz), [31MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31MR]
- S. Res. 406**—A resolution designating April 4, 2014, as “National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day”.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. Pryor), [31MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31MR]
- S. Res. 407**—A resolution honoring former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [31MR]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31MR]
- S. Res. 408**—A resolution supporting the designation of April as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month”.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Johanns, and Mr. Isakson), [1AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [1AP]
- S. Res. 409**—A resolution congratulating the Penn State University wrestling team for winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championships.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [2AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [2AP]
- S. Res. 410**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP], [8AP], [20MY], [5JN], [8SE]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [11AP]
Placed on the calendar, [11AP]
- S. Res. 411**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Rubio), [3AP]
Cosponsors added, [7AP]
- S. Res. 412**—A resolution reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cardin, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Risch), [7AP]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [20MY]
Placed on the calendar, [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [21MY], [23JN]
Passed Senate amended, [10JY]
- S. Res. 413**—A resolution recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Flake), [7AP]
Cosponsors added, [10AP], [9DE]
Reported (no written report), [11AP]
Placed on the calendar, [11AP]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [9DE]
- S. Res. 414**—A resolution designating April 2014 as “National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month”.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. Cardin), [7AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7AP]
- S. Res. 415**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Begich, Ms. Warren, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mrs. Hagan), [7AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7AP]
- S. Res. 416**—A resolution authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [7AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7AP]
- S. Res. 417**—A resolution designating October 30, 2014, as a National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brown, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Corker, Mr. Graham, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Portman, and Ms. Murkowski), [8AP]
Cosponsors added, [30AP]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [9JY]
- S. Res. 418**—A resolution to honor Gallaudet University, a premier institution of higher education for deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and to recognize the impact of the University on higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [8AP]
Cosponsors added, [9AP]
- S. Res. 419**—A resolution recognizing the celebration of National Student Employment Week 2014 at the University of Minnesota Duluth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [8AP]
- S. Res. 420**—A resolution designating the week of October 6 through October 12, 2014, as “Naturopathic Medicine Week” to recognize the value of naturopathic medicine in providing safe, effective, and affordable health care; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Harkin), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [18SE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- S. Res. 421**—A resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Ms. Landrieu), [10AP]
Cosponsors added, [29AP], [1MY], [5MY], [6MY], [8MY], [20MY], [21MY]
Reported (no written report), [20MY]
Placed on the calendar, [20MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [21MY]
- S. Res. 422**—A resolution to authorize written testimony, document production, and representation in Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Foundation, Inc. v. United States.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [10AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [10AP]
- S. Res. 423**—A resolution designating April 2014 as “Financial Literacy Month”.
By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Coons, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Blunt, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Warner, Mr. Begich, Mr. Carper, Mr. King, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, and Mr. Cardin), [11AP]
Cosponsors added, [29AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11AP]
- S. Res. 424**—A resolution supporting the mission and goals of 2014 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, which include increasing public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of, and services available to assist, victims and survivors of crime in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Schumer), [11AP]
- S. Res. 425**—A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of “National Donate Life Month”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. CASEY, [29AP]
- S. Res. 426**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Kirk), [29AP]
Cosponsors added, [5MY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [20MY]
Placed on the calendar, [20MY]
- S. Res. 427**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic education programs in schools in the United States.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [29AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29AP]
- S. Res. 428**—A resolution promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2014, which include bringing attention to the health dispar-

- ties faced by minority populations of the United States, such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Menendez), [29AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29AP]
- S. Res. 429**—A resolution designating April 30, 2014, as “Día de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans.”
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Reed, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Booker), [29AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29AP]
- S. Res. 430**—A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2014, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day.”
By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. Blunt), [30AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]
- S. Res. 431**—A resolution honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Warren, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, and Ms. Hirono), [30AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [30AP]
- S. Res. 432**—A resolution recognizing the efforts of the National Park Service and others in restoring and repairing the Washington Monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE, [1MY]
- S. Res. 433**—A resolution condemning the abduction of female students by armed militants from the Government Girls Secondary School in the north-eastern province of Borno in the Federal Republic of Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Menendez), [1MY]
Cosponsors added, [6MY], [7MY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [6MY]
- S. Res. 434**—A resolution electing Andrew B. Willison as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [5MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]
- S. Res. 435**—A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [5MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]
- S. Res. 436**—A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [5MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]
- S. Res. 437**—A resolution recognizing the historic significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo.
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Heller, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Kirk), [5MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5MY]
- S. Res. 438**—A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 15th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 4 through May 10, 2014.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Carper, Mr. Durbin, Mr. McCain, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coons, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Scott), [6MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6MY]
- S. Res. 439**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Blunt), [6MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [6MY]
- S. Res. 440**—A resolution recognizing the contributions of teachers to the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Coons, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Cardin), [8MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [8MY]
- S. Res. 441**—A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2014, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Franken), [8MY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [13MY]
- S. Res. 442**—A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Levin, Mr. Johanns, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Casey, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Wyden, and Mrs. Hagan), [13MY]
- S. Res. 443**—A resolution recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Scott, Mr. Warner, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Reid, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Shaheen, and Mr. Heller), [13MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13MY]
- S. Res. 444**—A resolution relative to the death of Harlan Mathews, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Corker, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [13MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13MY]
- S. Res. 445**—A resolution recognizing the importance of cancer research and the contributions of scientists, clinicians, and patient advocates across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2014 as “National Cancer Research Month”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. Isakson), [14MY]
Cosponsors added, [15MY], [20MY]
- Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [21MY]
- S. Res. 446**—A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the congressional declaration of bourbon whiskey as a distinctive product of the United States.
By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Paul), [15MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [15MY]
- S. Res. 447**—A resolution recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Rubio), [15MY]
Cosponsors added, [24JN]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [8JY]
- S. Res. 448**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the policy of the United States regarding stabilizing the currency of Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [15MY]
- S. Res. 449**—A resolution commemorating and honoring the dedication and sacrifice of the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Markey, Mr. Begich, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Booker, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Reed, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, Mr. Warner, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Heinrich, and Ms. Klobuchar), [15MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [15MY]
- S. Res. 450**—A resolution designating May 17, 2014, as “Kids to Parks Day.”
By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Wyden), [15MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [15MY]
- S. Res. 451**—A resolution recalling the Government of China’s forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China’s continued abysmal human rights record; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. BARRASSO, [15MY]
Reported (no written report), [20MY]
Placed on the calendar, [20MY]
Cosponsors added, [20MY], [21MY], [2JN], [3JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]
- S. Res. 452**—A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in City of Lafayette v. Bryan Benoit.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [20MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [20MY]
- S. Res. 453**—A resolution condemning the death sentence against Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. Coons, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Cruz, Mr. McCain, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Boozman, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Burr, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Coburn), [21MY]
Cosponsors added, [22MY], [2JN], [3JN]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [3JN]
- S. Res. 454**—A resolution recognizing that cardiovascular disease continues to be an overwhelming threat to women’s health and the importance of providing basic, preventive heart screenings to women wherever they seek primary care.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Collins), [21MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [21MY]
- S. Res. 455**—A resolution designating May 2014 as “Older Americans Month.”

- By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Cardin), [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
- S. Res. 456**—A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Casey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Levin, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mrs. Boxer), [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
- S. Res. 457**—A resolution designating the week of May 18 through May 24, 2014, as “National Public Works Week”.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Carper, and Mr. Barrasso), [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
- S. Res. 458**—A resolution recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month and honoring Holocaust survivors and their contributions to the United States of America.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Booker, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Gillibrand, and Mr. Portman), [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
- S. Res. 459**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2014 as “National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month”.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Chambliss), [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
- S. Res. 460**—A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2014 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.
By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Begich, Mr. Heller, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Warner), [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
- S. Res. 461**—A resolution honoring James L. Oberstar as a remarkable public servant who served in Congress with extraordinary dedication and purpose.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Franken, Mr. Harkin, and Mr. Begich), [22MY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]
- S. Res. 462**—A resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. RUBIO, [22MY]
Cosponsors added, [17JN], [18JN], [24JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [25JN]
Placed on the calendar, [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [24JY]
- S. Res. 463**—A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Billy Frank, Jr, and expressing condolences on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. Cantwell), [22MY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]
- S. Res. 464**—A resolution designating June 2014 as “National Aphasia Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia.
By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. Kirk), [3JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JN]
- S. Res. 465**—A resolution commemorating the centennial of Webster University.
By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. McCaskill), [3JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3JN]
- S. Res. 466**—A resolution designating the week of October 27 through November 2, 2014, as “National Drug Take-Back Week”, and designating October 2014 as “National Prescription Opioid and Heroin Abuse Awareness Month”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Ms. Klobuchar), [3JN]
Cosponsors added, [10SE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [10SE]
- S. Res. 467**—A resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Fishermen’s Terminal in the Port of Seattle and celebrating Seattle’s rich maritime heritage and its importance to the United States.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. Murray), [4JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4JN]
- S. Res. 468**—A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [5JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [5JN]
- S. Res. 469**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the May 31, 2014, transfer of five detainees from the detention facility at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Paul, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Thune), [11JN]
Cosponsors added, [12JN], [16JN], [17JN], [18JN]
- S. Res. 470**—A resolution amending Senate Resolution 400 (94th Congress) to clarify the responsibility of committees of the Senate in the provision of the advice and consent of the Senate to nominations to positions in the intelligence community.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN, [11JN]
Placed on the calendar, [11JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7JY]
- S. Res. 471**—A resolution honoring former President George H.W. Bush on the occasion of his 90th birthday and Barbara Bush on the occasion of her 89th birthday and extending the best wishes of the Senate to former President Bush and Mrs. Bush.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. King, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Portman, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Heller, Mr. Wicker, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Coats, Mr. Corker, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Risch, Mr. Burr, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Flake, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Franken, Mr. McCain, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Kirk), [11JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11JN]
- S. Res. 472**—A resolution honoring Dr. James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Energy, and Director of Central Intelligence.
By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Reed, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Fischer, and Mr. Leahy), [11JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11JN]
- S. Res. 473**—A resolution celebrating the 20th Anniversary of National Men’s Health Week.
By Mr. CRAPO, [12JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12JN]
- S. Res. 474**—A resolution designating June 19, 2014, as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in recognition of June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States.
By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Markey, Mr. Pryor, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Warner, Mr. Casey, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Franken, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Leahy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Paul, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wicker, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Scott, Mr. Portman, Mr. Begich, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Booker, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Brown, Ms. Murkowski, and Mr. Lee), [12JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12JN]
Cosponsors added, [16JN]
- S. Res. 475**—A resolution congratulating the Alaska Aces hockey team on winning the 2014 Kelly Cup as champions of the East Coast Hockey League.
By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. Murkowski), [12JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12JN]
- S. Res. 476**—A resolution recognizing the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the State of New Jersey and honoring the valuable contributions of people of the Garden State.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. Booker), [12JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [12JN]
- S. Res. 477**—A resolution designating June 20, 2014, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.
By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Corker), [17JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17JN]
- S. Res. 478**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova’s territorial integrity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Murphy), [18JN]
- S. Res. 479**—A resolution recognizing Veterans Day 2014 as a special “Welcome Home Commemoration” for all who have served in the military since September 14, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Blumenthal), [19JN]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [18SE]
- S. Res. 480**—A resolution expressing condolences and supporting assistance for the victims of the historic flooding in the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Portman, and Mr. Murphy), [19JN]
- S. Res. 481**—A resolution designating the month of June 2014 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month”.
By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. Heller, Mr. Begich, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Booker, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Franken, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Casey, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Merkley), [23JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JN]
- S. Res. 482**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest Van Ness Street, Northwest International Drive, Northwest International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as “Liu Xiaobo Plaza”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
By Mr. CRUZ, [24JN]
Cosponsors added, [9JY]
- S. Res. 483**—A resolution establishing a point of order against legislation selling Federal land in order to reduce the deficit; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. Heinrich, and Mr. Udall of Colorado), [24JN]

- S. Res. 484**—A resolution recognizing and honoring the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Yosemite Grant Act.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25JN]
- S. Res. 485**—A resolution congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2014 National Basketball Association Championship.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Cruz), [25JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [25JN]
- S. Res. 486**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that President Obama should take immediate action to mitigate the humanitarian crisis along the international border between the United States and Mexico involving unaccompanied migrant children and to prevent future crises; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coats, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. McCain), [26JN]
- S. Res. 487**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., should appoint a special counsel or prosecutor to investigate the targeting of conservative nonprofit groups by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. CRUZ, [26JN]
- S. Res. 488**—A resolution designating July 26, 2014, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Risch, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Walsh), [26JN]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [17JY]
- S. Res. 489**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of “Growth Awareness Week”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. KIRK, [26JN]
Cosponsors added, [21JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [23JY]
- S. Res. 490**—A resolution commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Booker, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Menendez), [26JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]
- S. Res. 491**—A resolution congratulating the Los Angeles Kings on winning the 2014 Stanley Cup Championship.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein), [26JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]
- S. Res. 492**—A resolution congratulating “A Prairie Home Companion” on its 40 years of engaging, humorous, and quality radio programming.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. Franken), [26JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]
- S. Res. 493**—A resolution designating July 11, 2014, as “Collector Car Appreciation Day” and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.
By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Begich), [26JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]
- S. Res. 494**—A resolution relative to the death of Howard H. Baker, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee.
By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Corker, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [26JN]
Agreed to in the Senate, [26JN]
- S. Res. 495**—A resolution designating July 2014 as “Summer Meals Awareness Month”.
By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Casey), [7JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7JY]
- S. Res. 496**—A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Alan John Dixon, former United States Senator for the State of Illinois.
By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [7JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [7JY]
- S. Res. 497**—A resolution honoring the life and career of Charles “Chuck” Noll.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [9JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9JY]
- S. Res. 498**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Menendez, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Schumer, Mr. McCain, Mr. Corker, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Moran, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Heller, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Collins, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Paul, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Franken, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Thune, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Casey, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Coats, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Tester, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Begich), [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [14JY], [15JY], [16JY], [17JY], [21JY]
Reported (no written report), [16JY]
Placed on the calendar, [16JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17JY]
- S. Res. 499**—A resolution congratulating the American Motorcyclist Association on its 90th Anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MANCHIN, [10JY]
Cosponsors added, [22JY], [28JY]
- S. Res. 500**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova’s territorial integrity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Menendez, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Murphy), [10JY]
Reported (no written report), [16JY]
Placed on the calendar, [16JY]
Cosponsors added, [16JY], [17JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JY]
- S. Res. 501**—A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Wright Museum of WWII History in Wolfboro, New Hampshire; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself and Mrs. Shaheen), [14JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [23JY]
- S. Res. 502**—A resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Ms. Collins, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Levin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Paul, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Wicker), [15JY]
Cosponsors added, [21JY], [24JY], [29JY]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [31JY]
- S. Res. 503**—A resolution designating September 2014 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefiting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States.
By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Enzi, and Ms. Mikulski), [16JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16JY]
- S. Res. 504**—A resolution to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in *Menachem Binyamin Zivotofsky, By His Parents and Guardians, Ari Z. and Naomi Siegman Zivotofsky v. John Kerry, Secretary of State (S. Ct.)*.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [16JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16JY]
- S. Res. 505**—A resolution congratulating the Gay, Lesbian, and Allies Senate Staff (GLASS) Caucus association on the 10-year anniversary of the association; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Levin, Mr. Markey, Ms. Warren, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Bennet), [17JY]
- S. Res. 506**—A resolution recognizing the patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans service organizations; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. Burr), [17JY]

- Cosponsors added, [28JY], [29JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [16SE]
- S. Res. 507**—A resolution designating August 7, 2014, as “National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day”.
By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Schumer), [17JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17JY]
- S. Res. 508**—A resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Congressional Research Service.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Schumer), [17JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17JY]
- S. Res. 509**—A resolution honoring the extraordinary and courageous life of Mattie Stepanek.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. Cardin), [21JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [21JY]
- S. Res. 510**—A resolution congratulating the Newport Jazz Festival on its 60th anniversary.
By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. Whitehouse), [22JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [22JY]
- S. Res. 511**—A resolution establishing best business practices to fully utilize the potential of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. Paul, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Rubio), [22JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY]
- S. Res. 512**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Environmental Protection Agency and the proposed rules and guidelines relating to carbon dioxide emissions from power plants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Coats, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Risch, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Moran, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Barrasso, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Kirk), [23JY]
- S. Res. 513**—A resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Risch), [23JY]
Cosponsors added, [24JY], [28JY], [29JY], [31JY]
Reported (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]
- S. Res. 514**—A resolution designating the week of August 10 through August 16, 2014, as “National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week”.
By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. Alexander), [23JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JY]
- S. Res. 515**—A resolution designating July 24, 2014, as “International Self-Care Day”.
By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [23JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JY]
- S. Res. 516**—A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in State of North Dakota v. Beatrice Quill.
By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [23JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [23JY]
- S. Res. 517**—A resolution expressing support for Israel’s right to defend itself and calling on Hamas to immediately cease all rocket and other attacks against Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Blumenthal), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [30JY]
- S. Res. 518**—A resolution designating the week of October 12 through October 18, 2014, as “National Case Management Week” to recognize the role of case management in improving health care outcomes for patients; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. Boozman), [24JY]
- S. Res. 519**—A resolution designating August 16, 2014, as “National Airborne Day”.
By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Blumenthal, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Burr, Mr. Begich, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Moran, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Walsh), [24JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY]
- S. Res. 520**—A resolution condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin), [24JY]
Cosponsors added, [28JY], [29JY]
Reported (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [31JY]
- S. Res. 521**—A resolution designating July 26, 2014, as “United States Intelligence Professionals Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. King, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Udall of Colorado, and Mr. Kaine), [24JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [29JY]
- S. Res. 522**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Corker), [24JY]
Reported (no written report), [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [29JY], [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]
- S. Res. 523**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of the United States-India strategic partnership and the continued deepening of bilateral ties with India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Kaine, and Mr. Risch), [24JY]
- S. Res. 524**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding global climate change; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Whitehouse, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Markey, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Warren, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. King, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Reed, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Bennet), [28JY]
Cosponsors added, [15SE]
- S. Res. 525**—A resolution designating July 30, 2014, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, [28JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [28JY]
Cosponsors added, [1AU]
- S. Res. 526**—A resolution supporting Israel’s right to defend itself against Hamas, and for other purposes.
By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Graham), [29JY]
Cosponsors added, [30JY], [1AU]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JY]
- S. Res. 527**—A resolution congratulating the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for 100 years of service throughout the United States and the world, and commending Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for exemplifying the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service while upholding the motto “Culture for Service and Service for Humanity”.
By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Levin, and Ms. Baldwin), [29JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JY]
- S. Res. 528**—A resolution commemorating the 125th anniversary of North Dakota’s Statehood.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. Heitkamp), [29JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [29JY]
- S. Res. 529**—A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and commending its members for their courage and sacrifice in service to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. TOOMEY, [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- S. Res. 530**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Chambliss, Ms. Collins, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Heller, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mr. Moran, Mr. Risch, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Vitter, and Ms. Ayotte), [30JY]
Cosponsors added, [31JY], [1AU], [8SE], [17SE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [18SE]
Title amended, [18SE]
- S. Res. 531**—A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Louis Zamperini and expressing condolences on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. McCain), [31JY]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [3DE]
- S. Res. 532**—A resolution designating the week beginning September 7, 2014, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Collins, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mr. Franken, Mr. Grassley, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Portman, Mr. Rockefeller, and Ms. Warren), [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]
- S. Res. 533**—A resolution designating September 2014 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”.
By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. Nelson), [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]
- S. Res. 534**—A resolution designating September 6, 2014, as “Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day”.
By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Durbin), [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]
- S. Res. 535**—A resolution to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual.
By Mr. SCHUMER, [31JY]
Agreed to in the Senate, [31JY]
- S. Res. 536**—A resolution designating September 2014 as “National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month”.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Warner, Mr. Moran, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Heller), [1AU]
Agreed to in the Senate, [1AU]
Cosponsors added, [8SE]
- S. Res. 537**—A resolution reaffirming support for Israel’s right to defend its citizens and ensure the survival of the State of Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. Menendez), [1AU]
- S. Res. 538**—A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

- By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rubio, and Mr. Menendez), [9SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9SE]
Cosponsors added, [10SE]
- S. Res. 539**—A resolution relative to the death of James M. Jeffords, former United States Senator for the State of Vermont.
By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Reid, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Ayotte, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Booker, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burr, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coats, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coons, Mr. Corker, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Enzi, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Flake, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grassley, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Heller, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levin, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Markey, Mr. McCain, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Moran, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Reed, Mr. Risch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Wyden), [9SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [9SE]
- S. Res. 540**—A resolution recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. McCain), [10SE]
Reported (no written report), [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [18SE], [12NO]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3DE]
- S. Res. 541**—A resolution recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Flake, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Durbin), [10SE]
Cosponsors added, [11SE], [16SE], [17SE], [18SE]
Reported (no written report), [18SE]
Placed on the calendar, [18SE]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [18SE]
- S. Res. 542**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. Enzi), [11SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11SE]
- S. Res. 543**—A resolution designating November 1, 2014, as National Bison Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Portman, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Markey, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Donnelly, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Johanns), [11SE]
Cosponsors added, [15SE], [16SE], [17SE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 544**—A resolution designating the year of 2014 as the “International Year of Family Farming”.
By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Donnelly), [15SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [15SE]
- S. Res. 545**—A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Warner, and Ms. Warren), [15SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]
Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 546**—A resolution congratulating Indonesia’s President-elect Joko Widodo on his electoral victory and commending the people of Indonesia on their commitment to democracy and free and fair elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. McCain), [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]
- S. Res. 547**—A resolution designating the week beginning September 14, 2014, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Casey, Mr. Coons, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Levin, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Heller), [16SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16SE]
- S. Res. 548**—A resolution designating November 29, 2014, as “Small Business Saturday” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. Risch, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Levin, Mr. Portman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. King, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Carper, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Warner, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Begich, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Coons, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tester, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Chambliss, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Thune, Ms. Heitkamp, and Mr. Cardin), [16SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16SE]
Cosponsors added, [17SE]
- S. Res. 549**—A resolution designating October 26, 2014, as Day of the Deployed.
By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. McConnell, and Mr. Blunt), [16SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16SE]
- S. Res. 550**—A resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of “The Star-Spangled Banner”.
By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. Mikulski), [16SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [16SE]
- S. Res. 551**—A resolution recognizing September 2014 as “National Campus Safety Awareness Month” and supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Grassley), [17SE]
- S. Res. 552**—A resolution supporting Lights on Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 23, 2014.
By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Collins, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 553**—A resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Hartford Courant newspaper.
By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. Blumenthal), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 554**—A resolution recognizing the month of October 2014 as “National Principals Month”.
By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Lee), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 555**—A resolution designating the week of September 15 through September 19, 2014, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the health care system for all individuals in the United States.
By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. Thune), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 556**—A resolution designating the week beginning on October 12, 2014, as National Wildlife Refuge Week.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Markey, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Levin, Mrs. Murray, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Wyden, and Ms. Collins), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 557**—A resolution designating the week beginning October 19, 2014, as “National Character Counts Week”.
By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. Levin, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Manchin), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 558**—A resolution designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2014, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”.
By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Reed, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Mikulski), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 559**—A resolution designating the week beginning on October 19, 2014, as “National Chemistry Week”.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. Toomey), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 560**—A resolution designating September 2014 as “School Bus Safety Month”.
By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. Blunt), [17SE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [17SE]
- S. Res. 561**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that recently proposed measures that will reduce transparency and public participation at the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) should be disapproved by United States representatives to the IAIS; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. Tester), [18SE]
Cosponsors added, [12NO], [13NO]
- S. Res. 562**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that performance-based contracts for energy savings are a budget-neutral means to support the Federal Government in reducing its energy consumption without increasing spending while simultaneously supporting United States based jobs and economic development; to the Committee on the Budget.
By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. Hoeven, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Portman, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Collins, Mr. Franken, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Reed, Mr. Merkley, Mr. King, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Donnelly), [18SE]
- S. Res. 563**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should pursue extradition authority for international cybercriminals committing

- credit card theft targeting United States citizens; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Coats, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Thune, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Johnson of Wisconsin, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Grassley), [18SE]
- S. Res. 564**—A resolution honoring conservation on the centennial of the passenger pigeon extinction; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. Portman), [18SE]
- Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate amended, [16DE]
- S. Res. 565**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Canadian Government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Stabenow, and Ms. Baldwin), [18SE]
- Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- S. Res. 566**—A resolution celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of North Dakota.
- By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Johnson of South Dakota), [18SE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- S. Res. 567**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the possible easing of restrictions on the sale of lethal military equipment to the Government of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Corker, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Cardin), [18SE]
- S. Res. 568**—A resolution designating the month of September 2014 as “National Sepsis Awareness Month”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. SCHUMER, [18SE]
- S. Res. 569**—A resolution designating September 23, 2014, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Sanders), [18SE]
- Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [4DE]
- S. Res. 570**—A resolution designating October 17, 2014, as “National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Rockefeller, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Brown), [18SE]
- Cosponsors added, [19NO]
- S. Res. 571**—A resolution designating September 30, 2014, as “United States and India Partnership Day”.
- By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Menendez), [18SE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- S. Res. 572**—A resolution congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 4,000 ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols.
- By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Warner, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Collins, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. King), [18SE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- S. Res. 573**—A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.
- By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Portman, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Burr, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Markey, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Levin, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Reid, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Booker, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Klobuchar, Mrs. Murray, Mr. King, Mr. Coons, Mr. Casey, Mr. Schatz, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Tester, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Franken, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Warner, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Hagan, and Ms. Warren), [18SE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- Cosponsors added, [12NO]
- S. Res. 574**—A resolution designating the week of September 20 through September 27, 2014, as “National Estuaries Week”.
- By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Warner, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Booker, Mr. Reed, Ms. Warren, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Coons, Mr. Markey, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Hirono, Mr. King, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Begich, and Ms. Ayotte), [18SE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- S. Res. 575**—A resolution designating September 2014 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.
- By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Ayotte, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Markey, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Chambliss), [18SE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [18SE]
- S. Res. 576**—A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the “National Day of Writing”.
- By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. Roberts), [12NO]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [12NO]
- S. Res. 577**—A resolution permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. Burr), [12NO]
- Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [18NO]
- S. Res. 578**—A resolution supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world’s poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Boozman), [13NO]
- Cosponsors added, [19NO], [1DE], [2DE], [3DE], [4DE], [8DE]
- Reported (no written report), [4DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [4DE]
- S. Res. 579**—A resolution relative to the death of Howard O. Greene, Jr., former Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate.
- By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. Reid), [17NO]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [17NO]
- S. Res. 580**—A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Levin, Mr. Blunt, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Boozman, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Wicker), [17NO]
- Cosponsors added, [18NO], [19NO], [20NO]
- Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]
- S. Res. 581**—A resolution honoring the life and service of the late Staff Sergeant Robert Henry Anderson; to the Committee on Armed Services.
- By Mr. McCAIN, [18NO]
- S. Res. 582**—A resolution expressing support for designation of the third Tuesday of November as “National Entrepreneurs Day”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Booker), [18NO]
- S. Res. 583**—A resolution designating November 30, 2014, as “Drive Safer Sunday”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. ISAKSON, [19NO]
- Cosponsors added, [20NO]
- Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]
- S. Res. 584**—A resolution commending Jerald D. Linnell on his service to the United States Senate.
- By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McConnell), [19NO]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [19NO]
- S. Res. 585**—A resolution designating December 3, 2014, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. Baldwin), [20NO]
- Committee discharged. Agreed to in the Senate, [3DE]
- S. Res. 586**—A resolution calling on the Government of Burma to develop a non-discriminatory and comprehensive solution that addresses Rakhine State’s needs for peace, security, harmony, and development under equitable and just application of the rule of law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Markey, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Booker, Mr. Coons, and Mrs. Shaheen), [20NO]
- Reported with amendment (no written report), [4DE]
- Placed on the calendar, [4DE]
- S. Res. 587**—A resolution encouraging reunions of Korean-Americans who were divided by the Korean War from their relatives in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. Warner), [20NO]
- S. Res. 588**—A resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.
- By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Heller, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Tester, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, and Ms. Hirono), [20NO]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]
- S. Res. 589**—A resolution honoring the life of Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts, from 1993 to 2014.
- By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. Markey), [20NO]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]
- S. Res. 590**—A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.
- By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Begich, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Thune, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Inhofe, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, Mr. Moran, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Crapo, Ms. Feinstein, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Franken, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Heller, Mr. Merkley, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Reid), [20NO]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [20NO]
- S. Res. 591**—A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- By Mr. REID (for Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Brown, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Warren, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Levin)), [20NO]
- S. Res. 592**—A resolution recognizing the contributions of the Montagnard indigenous tribespeople of the Central Highlands of Vietnam to the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, and condemning the ongoing violations of human rights by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. BURR, [1DE]
- S. Res. 593**—A resolution designating December 13, 2014, as “Wreaths Across America Day”.
- By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. King), [3DE]
- Agreed to in the Senate, [3DE]
- S. Res. 594**—A resolution celebrating the centennial year of the birth of Jan Karski and honoring his extraordinary and courageous life.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

S. Res. 601

- By Ms. Mikulski (for herself and Mr. Kirk), [4DE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [4DE]
- S. Res. 595**—A resolution recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. HARKIN, [8DE]
Cosponsors added, [11DE]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
Agreed to in the Senate amended, [16DE]
- S. Res. 596**—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for reconciliation in Indonesia and disclosure by the United States Government of events surrounding the mass killings during 1965–66; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, [10DE]
- S. Res. 597**—A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mrs. Shaheen), [10DE]
Cosponsors added, [11DE]
Reported (no written report), [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
- S. Res. 598**—A resolution expressing condolences to the family of Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levante.
By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Coats), [10DE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [10DE]
- S. Res. 599**—A resolution recognizing the 100-year anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern Pennsylvania.
By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. Casey), [11DE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [11DE]
- S. Res. 600**—A resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. Merkley), [12DE]
- S. Res. 601**—A resolution recognizing 35 years of cooperation in science and technology between the United States and the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Cardin), [12DE]

HOUSE BILLS

- H.R. 2**—A bill to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [18SE]
Received in Senate, [12NO]
Placed on the calendar, [17NO]
- H.R. 4**—A bill to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [18SE]
Received in Senate, [12NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
- H.R. 6**—A bill to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [25JN]
Received in Senate, [25JN]
- H.R. 7**—A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.
Passed House amended, [28JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [29JA]
- H.R. 10**—A bill to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.
Passed House amended, [9MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [12MY]
- H.R. 24**—A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [17SE]
Received in Senate, [18SE]
- H.R. 43**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the “Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–204] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 78**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the “George Thomas ‘Mickey’ Leland Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–205] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 83**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of action plans aimed at reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate, [16SE]
Passed Senate amended, [18SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment, [11DE]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [12DE], [13DE]
Senate consideration of motion to concur in House amendment to Senate amendment, [13DE]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to concur in House amendment to Senate amendment, [13DE]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [13DE]
Presented to the President (December 16, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–235] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 255**—A bill to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes.
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–129] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 272**—A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the “General William H. Gourley Federal Outpatient Clinic—A Joint VA-DOD Health Care Facility”.
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–130] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 291**—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–131] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 298**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [29AP]
Read the first and second times, [29AP]
- H.R. 306**—A bill for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.
Passed House, [15JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [16JY]
- H.R. 311**—A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.
Passed House, [11MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [12MR]
- H.R. 316**—A bill to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.
Passed Senate amended, [22MY]
- House agreed to Senate amendment, [23JN]
Presented to the President (June 25, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–122] (signed June 30, 2014)
- H.R. 330**—A bill to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–132] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 356**—A bill to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–133] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 357**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate.
Passed House amended, [3FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Veterans’ Affairs, [4FE]
- H.R. 412**—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [24JN]
- H.R. 451**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the “Richard K. Salick Post Office”.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–206] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 503**—A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28MY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [2JN]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [17SE]
- H.R. 507**—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–148), [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–134] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 579**—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”.

- Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9DE]
- H.R. 594**—A bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008. Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate, [29JY]
Placed on the calendar, [1AU]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 23, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–166] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 606**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”. Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–147] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 627**—A bill to provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [29AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [30AP]
- H.R. 667**—A bill to redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range. Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8JA]
Presented to the President (January 9, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–75] (signed January 16, 2014)
- H.R. 669**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life. Passed House amended, [9SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [10SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [20NO]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–236] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 685**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country’s freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare. Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and passed, [20MY]
Presented to the President (May 21, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–105] (signed May 23, 2014)
- H.R. 697**—A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes. Reported (S. Rept. 113–147), [8AP]
Placed on the calendar, [8AP]
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–135] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 724**—A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles. Passed House, [8JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [9JA]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–144), [1AP]
Placed on the calendar, [1AP]
Passed Senate, [22MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–109] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 744**—A bill to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [8SE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [9SE]
- H.R. 801**—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies. Passed House, [14JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JA]
- H.R. 803**—A bill to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century. Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged, [25JN]
Passed Senate amended, [25JN]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–128] (signed July 22, 2014)
- H.R. 841**—A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [13JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [14JA]
- H.R. 862**—A bill to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960. Reported (S. Rept. 113–149), [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
Passed Senate, [22MY]
Presented to the President (May 23, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–107] (signed May 24, 2014)
- H.R. 863**—A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes. Rules suspended. Passed House amended, [7MY]
Received in Senate, [8MY]
- H.R. 876**—A bill to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway–Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. Reported (S. Rept. 113–150), [10AP]
Placed on the calendar, [10AP]
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–136] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 885**—A bill to expand the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes. Reported (S. Rept. 113–302), [10DE]
Placed on the calendar, [10DE]
- H.R. 899**—A bill to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, and for other purposes. Passed House, [28FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [4MR]
- H.R. 930**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [29AP]
- H.R. 935**—A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes. Passed House, [31JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [1AU]
- H.R. 938**—A bill to strengthen the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [5MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [6MR]
- H.R. 1033**—A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–172), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [17SE]
- H.R. 1036**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the “National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office”. Passed House, [24MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25MR]
Reported (no written report), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [21MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–110] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 1067**—A bill to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements. Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [9DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–237] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 1068**—A bill to enact title 54, United States Code, “National Park Service and Related Programs”, as positive law. Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–287] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 1098**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research. Passed House amended, [24JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [25JN]
- H.R. 1123**—A bill to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [25FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [26FE]
- H.R. 1158**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Reported (S. Rept. 113–151), [10AP]
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–137] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 1192**—A bill to redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Fremont”. Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [15JY]
- H.R. 1204**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes. Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [9DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–238] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 1206**—A bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes. Reported (S. Rept. 113–145), [1AP]

- Placed on the calendar, [1AP]
Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–239] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 1209**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the “Doolittle Tokyo Raiders”, for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.
Passed House, [19MY]
Received in Senate and passed, [20MY]
Presented to the President (May 22, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–106] (signed May 23, 2014)
- H.R. 1211**—A bill to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for greater public access to information, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [25FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [26FE]
- H.R. 1216**—A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, [18JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–138] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 1228**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Packerland Drive in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the “Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building”.
Passed House amended, [26MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [27MR]
Reported (no written report), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [21MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–111] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 1232**—A bill to amend titles 40, 41, and 44, United States Code, to eliminate duplication and waste in information technology acquisition and management.
Passed House amended, [25FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [26FE]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–262), [18SE]
- H.R. 1233**—A bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [14JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JA]
Reported with amendments (S. Rept. 113–218), [23JY]
Placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Passed Senate amended, [10SE]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [12NO]
Presented to the President (November 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–187] (signed November 26, 2014)
- H.R. 1241**—A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–303), [10DE]
- H.R. 1281**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.
Passed House amended, [24JN]
Received in Senate, [25JN]
Passed Senate amended, [8DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–240] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 1376**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [24MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25MR]
Reported (no written report), [9JY]
Placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [10JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–139] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 1378**—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the “James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse”.
Passed House amended, [9DE]
Received in Senate, [10DE]
Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–241] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 1391**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Joshua B. McDaniels and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–207] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 1422**—A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [18NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [19NO]
Read the first and second times, [19NO]
- H.R. 1423**—A bill to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [25FE]
Received in Senate, [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [27FE]
- H.R. 1447**—A bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.
Reported (no written report), [20NO]
Placed on the calendar, [20NO]
Passed Senate, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–242] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 1451**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [24MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25MR]
Reported (no written report), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [21MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–112] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 1458**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Augustine Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
- H.R. 1459**—A bill to ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [26MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [27MR]
- H.R. 1501**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System.
Passed House amended, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [29AP]
- H.R. 1513**—A bill to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, to limit the means by which property within such revised boundaries may be acquired, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [13JA]
Received in Senate, [14JA]
- H.R. 1528**—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [16JY]
Presented to the President (July 23, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–143] (signed August 1, 2014)
- H.R. 1671**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–148] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 1679**—A bill to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [10JN]
- H.R. 1684**—A bill to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [28JA]
- H.R. 1707**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the “James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–208] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 1726**—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate, [20MY]
Passed Senate, [22MY]
Presented to the President (June 3, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–120] (signed June 10, 2014)
- H.R. 1771**—A bill to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [29JY]
- H.R. 1786**—A bill to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

- Passed House amended, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [15JY]
- H.R. 1791**—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities.
Passed House amended, [3FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [4FE]
- H.R. 1813**—A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building”.
Passed House amended, [24MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25MR]
Reported (no written report), [9JY]
Placed on the calendar, [9JY]
Passed Senate, [10JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–140] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 1865**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
- H.R. 1871**—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline.
Passed House amended, [8AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Budget, [9AP]
- H.R. 1872**—A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [7AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Budget, [8AP]
- H.R. 1874**—A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation.
Passed House amended, [4AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Budget, [7AP]
- H.R. 1944**—A bill to protect private property rights.
Passed House, [26FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [27FE]
- H.R. 1963**—A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes.
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–231), [31JY]
- H.R. 2019**—A bill to eliminate taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.
Read the second time, [6JA]
Placed on the calendar, [6JA]
Passed Senate, [11MR]
Presented to the President (March 25, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–94] (signed April 3, 2014)
- H.R. 2052**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–252), [9SE]
- Placed on the calendar, [9SE]
- H.R. 2112**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the “National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–209] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 2126**—A bill to facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [5MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [6MR]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [15DE], [16DE]
- H.R. 2166**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [28JA]
- H.R. 2197**—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
Passed House, [4MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [5MR]
- H.R. 2203**—A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [20MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [1DE]
Presented to the President (December 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–210] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 2223**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–211] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 2259**—A bill to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses.
Passed House amended, [4MR]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [5MR]
- H.R. 2274**—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies and to provide for regulation appropriate to the limited scope of the activities of such brokers.
Passed House amended, [14JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [15JA]
- H.R. 2279**—A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act relating to review of regulations under such Act and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 relating to financial responsibility for classes of facilities.
Passed House amended, [9JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [13JA]
- H.R. 2283**—A bill to prioritize the fight against human trafficking within the Department of State according to congressional intent in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 without increasing the size of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [24JY]
- H.R. 2291**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–149] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 2337**—A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–173), [22MY]
Placed on the calendar, [22MY]
Passed Senate, [9JY]
Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–141] (signed July 25, 2014)
- H.R. 2366**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.
Passed House amended, [2DE]
Received in Senate, [3DE]
Passed Senate, [4DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–212] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 2388**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.
Reported (S. Rept. 113–197), [24JN]
Placed on the calendar, [24JN]
Passed Senate, [26JN]
Presented to the President (July 7, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–127] (signed July 16, 2014)
- H.R. 2391**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the “Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office”.
Passed House, [24MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25MR]
Reported (no written report), [21MY]
Placed on the calendar, [21MY]
Passed Senate, [21MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–113] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 2413**—A bill to prioritize and redirect NOAA resources to a focused program of investment on near-term, affordable, and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to deliver substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, such as tornadoes and hurricanes, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [2AP]
- H.R. 2430**—A bill to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23JY]

- H.R. 2431**—A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System.
Passed House amended, [10FE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [11FE]
Passed Senate, [25FE]
Presented to the President (February 27, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–86] (signed March 6, 2014)
- H.R. 2495**—A bill to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [9SE]
- H.R. 2527**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training.
Passed House, [28MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [2JN]
- H.R. 2530**—A bill to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service.
Passed House amended, [25FE]
Received in Senate, [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Finance, [27FE]
- H.R. 2531**—A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs.
Passed House, [25FE]
Received in Senate, [26FE]
Referred to the Committee on Finance, [27FE]
- H.R. 2548**—A bill to establish a comprehensive United States government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty alleviation and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [12MY]
- H.R. 2575**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours.
Passed House amended, [3AP]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [7AP]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [8AP]
- H.R. 2591**—A bill to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.
Passed House, [11DE]
Received in Senate, [12DE]
Passed Senate, [13DE]
Presented to the President (December 16, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–243] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 2600**—A bill to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 23, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–167] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 2640**—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [11DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 13, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–244] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 2642**—A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.
Conference report (H. Rept. 113–333) submitted in the House, [27JA]
- Conference report agreed to in the House, [29JA]
Senate considered conference report, [30JA], [3FE]
Senate invoked cloture on conference report, [3FE]
Conference report agreed to in the Senate, [4FE]
Presented to the President (February 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–79] (signed February 7, 2014)
- H.R. 2650**—A bill to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [13MR]
Presented to the President (March 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–88] (signed March 21, 2014)
- H.R. 2678**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [10SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [11SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–213] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 2719**—A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [9DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–245] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 2754**—A bill to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–288] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 2790**—A bill to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [3DE]
- H.R. 2802**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 418 Liberty Street in Covington, Indiana, as the “Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office”.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
- H.R. 2804**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to publish information about rules on the Internet, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [4MR]
- H.R. 2819**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, as the “Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
- H.R. 2824**—A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [25MR]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [26MR]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [8MY]
- H.R. 2860**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management may use amounts in the revolving fund of the Office to fund audits, investigations, and oversight activities, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14JA]
Received in Senate, [15JA]
Passed Senate, [29JA]
Presented to the President (February 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–80] (signed February 12, 2014)
- H.R. 2866**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [16SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [15DE]
- H.R. 2901**—A bill to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8DE]
Received in Senate, [9DE]
Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–289] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 2919**—A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [6MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [7MY]
- H.R. 2939**—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.
Passed House amended, [19MY]
Received in Senate and passed, [20MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–114] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 2942**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Passed House, [28MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [2JN]
- H.R. 2952**—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [10DE]
House agreed to Senate amendments, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–246] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 2954**—A bill to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.
Passed House amended, [6FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [10FE]
- H.R. 3006**—A bill to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [16SE]

H.R. 3008

H.R. 3008—A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes.

Passed House amended, [27JA]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [28JA]

H.R. 3027—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Barry M. Goldwater Post Office”.

Passed House, [14JY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY] Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]

Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–247] (signed December 18, 2014)

H.R. 3043—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

Passed House, [16SE]

Received in Senate, [17SE]

Passed Senate, [18SE]

Presented to the President (September 23, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–168] (signed September 26, 2014)

H.R. 3044—A bill to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi.

Passed House, [15SE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [16SE]

Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11DE]

Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–248] (signed December 18, 2014)

H.R. 3060—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the “Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building”.

Passed House, [24MR]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [25MR]

Reported (no written report), [21MY]

Placed on the calendar, [21MY]

Passed Senate, [21MY]

Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–115] (signed June 9, 2014)

H.R. 3080—A bill to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes. Conference report (H. Rept. 113–449) submitted in the House, [15MY]

Conference report agreed to in the House, [20MY]

Conference report agreed to in the Senate, [22MY]

Presented to the President (June 3, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–121] (signed June 10, 2014)

H.R. 3085—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building”.

Passed House, [14JY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]

Reported (no written report), [13NO]

Placed on the calendar, [13NO]

Passed Senate, [3DE]

Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–214] (signed December 16, 2014)

H.R. 3096—A bill to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the “Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center”.

Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11DE]

Presented to the President (December 13, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–249] (signed December 18, 2014)

H.R. 3107—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, develop

a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [28JY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29JY]

H.R. 3109—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing non-edible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes. Passed House, [8SE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [9SE]

H.R. 3110—A bill to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

Passed House amended, [28AP]

Received in Senate read twice and placed on the calendar, [29AP]

Passed Senate, [9JY]

Presented to the President (July 15, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–142] (signed July 25, 2014)

H.R. 3136—A bill to establish a demonstration program for competency-based education.

Passed House amended, [23JY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [24JY]

H.R. 3189—A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

Passed House amended, [13MR]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [24MR]

H.R. 3202—A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes.

Passed House amended, [28JY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [29JY]

H.R. 3212—A bill to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes. Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–204), [26JN]

Passed Senate amended, [16JY]

House agreed to Senate amendment, [25JY]

Presented to the President (July 29, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–150] (signed August 8, 2014)

H.R. 3222—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York, and for other purposes.

Passed House amended, [15SE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [16SE]

H.R. 3230—A bill making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period.

Passed Senate amended, [11JN]

Title amended, [11JN]

House agreed to Senate amendments with an amendment, [18JN]

House insisted on its amendment to Senate amendment and asked for a conference, [18JN]

Conferees appointed, [18JN]

Senate disagreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [18JN]

Senate insisted on its amendment and agreed to a conference. Conferees appointed, [18JN]

Conference report (H. Rept. 113–564) submitted in the House, [28JY]

House agreed to the conference report, [30JY]

Senate agreed to the conference report, [31JY]

Presented to the President (August 1, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–146] (signed August 7, 2014)

H.R. 3240—A bill to instruct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of Regulation D, and for other purposes.

Passed House, [2DE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [3DE]

H.R. 3301—A bill to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes.

Passed House amended, [24JN]

Received in Senate and read the first time, [25JN]

Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [26JN]

H.R. 3308—A bill to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense. Passed House amended, [26FE]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [27FE]

H.R. 3326—A bill to provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Passed House amended, [13NO]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17NO]

H.R. 3329—A bill to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes. Passed House, [6MY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7MY]

Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [11DE]

House agreed to Senate amendment, [11DE]

Presented to the President (December 13, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–250] (signed December 18, 2014)

H.R. 3361—A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

Passed House amended, [22MY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [2JN]

H.R. 3362—A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require transparency in the operation of American Health Benefit Exchanges.

Passed House amended, [16JA]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [27JA]

H.R. 3366—A bill to provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon.

Passed House amended, [28MY]

Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [2JN]

H.R. 3370—A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes. Passed House amended, [4MR]

Received in Senate and read the first time, [5MR]

Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [6MR]

Passed Senate, [13MR]

Presented to the President (March 18, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–89] (signed March 21, 2014)

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- H.R. 3374**—A bill to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [16SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–251] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 3375**—A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the “PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, [18JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–215] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 3393**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate certain tax benefits for educational expenses, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24JY]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [28JY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [29JY]
- H.R. 3398**—A bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [19NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [20NO]
- H.R. 3410**—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic pulses, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [2DE]
- H.R. 3448**—A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide for an optional pilot program allowing certain emerging growth companies to increase the thick sizes of their stocks.
Passed House amended, [11FE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [12FE]
- H.R. 3468**—A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–252] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 3470**—A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [7AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [8AP]
- H.R. 3472**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–151] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 3474**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Passed House, [11MR]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [12MR]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [24MR]
Motion to proceed considered, [8MY], [12MY], [13MY], [14MY]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [13MY]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [14MY]
Considered, [14MY]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [15MY]
Cloture motion rejected in the Senate, [15MY]
- H.R. 3488**—A bill to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9JY]
- H.R. 3527**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8JA]
Received in Senate, [9JA]
Passed Senate, [14JA]
Presented to the President (January 15, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–77] (signed January 24, 2014)
- H.R. 3534**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office”.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–216] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 3547**—A bill to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.
House agreed to Senate amendments with an amendment, [15JA]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [16JA]
Presented to the President (January 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–76] (signed January 17, 2014)
- H.R. 3548**—A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.
Passed House amended, [24JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [25JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [31JY]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–152] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 3572**—A bill to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina.
Passed House amended, [2DE]
Received in Senate, [3DE]
Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–253] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 3583**—A bill to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program.
Passed House amended, [19NO]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [20NO]
- H.R. 3584**—A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6MY]
- Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7MY]
- H.R. 3590**—A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [5FE]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [6FE]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [10FE]
- H.R. 3593**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the construction of major medical facilities, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, [17SE]
- H.R. 3608**—A bill to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate, [18NO]
Passed Senate, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–290] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 3627**—A bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [7MY]
Presented to the President (May 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–104] (signed May 20, 2014)
- H.R. 3628**—A bill to eliminate certain unnecessary reporting requirements and consolidate or modify others, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [8JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [9JA]
- H.R. 3635**—A bill to ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29JY]
- H.R. 3658**—A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.
Passed House, [19MY]
Received in Senate and passed, [20MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–116] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 3670**—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [10SE]
- H.R. 3675**—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission.
Passed House amended, [11MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [12MR]
- H.R. 3682**—A bill to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the “Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, [18JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–217] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 3696**—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes.

- Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29JY]
- H.R. 3716**—A bill to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [22JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [23JY]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 23, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–169] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 3765**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–153] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 3771**—A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.
Passed House amended, [24MR]
Received in Senate and passed, [25MR]
Presented to the President (March 25, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–92] (signed March 25, 2014)
- H.R. 3786**—A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18JN]
- H.R. 3802**—A bill to extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23JY]
- H.R. 3811**—A bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Passed House, [10JA]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [13JA]
- H.R. 3826**—A bill to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [6MR]
Received in Senate, [10MR]
Read the first time, [7MY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [8MY]
- H.R. 3846**—A bill to provide for the authorization of border, maritime, and transportation security responsibilities and functions in the Department of Homeland Security and the establishment of United States Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29JY]
- H.R. 3865**—A bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
Passed House amended, [26FE]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [27FE]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [3MR]
- H.R. 3957**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the “Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–218] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 3964**—A bill to address certain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [5FE]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [6FE]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [10FE]
- H.R. 3973**—A bill to amend section 530D of title 28, United States Code.
Passed House amended, [13MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [24MR]
- H.R. 3979**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Passed House amended, [11MR]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [12MR]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [24MR]
Motion to proceed considered, [25MR], [26MR], [27MR], [31MR]
Senate invoked cloture, [27MR], [2AP]
Motion to proceed agreed to in the Senate, [31MR]
Considered, [31MR], [1AP], [2AP], [3AP], [9DE], [10DE], [11DE], [12DE]
Passed Senate amended, [7AP]
House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment, [4DE]
Senate consideration of House amendment to Senate amendment, [11DE], [12DE]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to agree to House amendment to Senate amendment, [11DE]
Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, [12DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–291] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 3998**—A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.
Passed House amended, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [18JN]
- H.R. 4002**—A bill to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [24JN]
Reported (no written report), [26AU]
- H.R. 4005**—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [2AP]
- H.R. 4007**—A bill to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9JY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–263), [18SE]
Passed Senate amended, [10DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–254] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4012**—A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible.
Passed House amended, [19NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [20NO]
- H.R. 4028**—A bill to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom.
Passed House amended, [28MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [2JN]
Reported (S. Rept. 113–214), [21JY]
Placed on the calendar, [21JY]
Passed Senate, [29JY]
Presented to the President (July 31, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–154] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 4030**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate, [9DE]
Passed Senate, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–292] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 4032**—A bill to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [29AP]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [22MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–117] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 4067**—A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.
Passed House, [9SE]
Received in Senate, [10SE]
Passed Senate, [20NO]
Presented to the President (November 24, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–198] (signed December 4, 2014)
- H.R. 4076**—A bill to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [4MR]
Received in Senate, [5MR]
Passed Senate, [13MR]
Presented to the President (March 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–90] (signed March 21, 2014)
- H.R. 4080**—A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [25JN]
- H.R. 4092**—A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools.
Passed House amended, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [24JN]
- H.R. 4118**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate.
Passed House, [5MR]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [6MR]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [10MR]

- H.R. 4119**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [16SE]
- H.R. 4120**—A bill to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date.
Passed House, [28AP]
Received in Senate, [29AP]
Passed Senate, [5MY]
Presented to the President (May 7, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–102] (signed May 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4137**—A bill to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale.
Passed House, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [17SE]
Objection is heard to request for consideration, [16DE]
- H.R. 4138**—A bill to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [12MR]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [13MR]
- H.R. 4152**—A bill to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine.
Passed House, [6MR]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [10MR]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [12MR]
Considered, [25MR]
Passed Senate amended, [27MR]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [1AP]
Presented to the President (April 3, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–95] (signed April 3, 2014)
- H.R. 4156**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow advertisements and solicitations for passenger air transportation to state the base airfare of the transportation, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [29JY]
- H.R. 4167**—A bill to amend section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, known as the Volcker Rule, to exclude certain debt securities of collateralized loan obligations from the prohibition against acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in a hedge fund or private equity fund.
Passed House amended, [29AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [30AP]
- H.R. 4189**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the “Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon and Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”.
Passed House amended, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–219] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4192**—A bill to amend the Act entitled “An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia” to clarify the rules of the District of Columbia regarding human occupancy of penthouses above the top story of the building upon which the penthouse is placed.
Passed House amended, [28AP]
Received in Senate, [29AP]
Passed Senate, [6MY]
Presented to the President (May 7, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–103] (signed May 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4193**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [14JY]
Received in Senate, [15JY]
Passed Senate, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–255] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4194**—A bill to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.
Passed House amended, [28AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29AP]
Reported with amendment (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate amended, [16SE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [12NO]
Presented to the President (November 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–188] (signed November 26, 2014)
- H.R. 4195**—A bill to amend chapter 15 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Register Act), to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
- H.R. 4197**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
Reported (no written report), [31JY]
Placed on the calendar, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [11SE]
Presented to the President (September 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–170] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 4199**—A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the “Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, [18JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [9DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–256] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4200**—A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, [3DE]
- H.R. 4228**—A bill to require the Department of Homeland Security to improve discipline, accountability, and transparency in acquisition program management.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [10JN]
- H.R. 4261**—A bill to improve the research of Gulf War Illness, the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans’ Illnesses, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [28MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, [2JN]
- H.R. 4263**—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9JY]
- H.R. 4268**—A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to United States Route 78 in Mississippi, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [19MY]
- Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [20MY]
- H.R. 4275**—A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.
Passed House, [24MR]
Received in Senate and passed, [25MR]
Presented to the President (March 27, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–97] (signed April 7, 2014)
- H.R. 4276**—A bill to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, [17SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–257] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4278**—A bill to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [27MR]
Received in Senate, [27MR]
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [2AP]
- H.R. 4283**—A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [9SE]
- H.R. 4289**—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9JY]
- H.R. 4290**—A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.
Passed House amended, [9SE]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [10SE]
- H.R. 4292**—A bill to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title.
Passed House, [6MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [7MY]
- H.R. 4302**—A bill to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [27MR]
Received in Senate, [27MR]
Passed Senate, [31MR]
Presented to the President (April 1, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–93] (signed April 1, 2014)
- H.R. 4315**—A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [29JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [30JY]
- H.R. 4323**—A bill to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [7AP]
Received in Senate, [8AP]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 29, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–182] (signed September 29, 2014)

- H.R. 4329**—A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [2DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, [3DE]
- H.R. 4355**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
- H.R. 4360**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the “Jason Crisp Forest Service Building”.
Passed House, [17JN]
Received in Senate, [18JN]
Passed Senate, [31JY]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–155] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 4366**—A bill to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement.
Passed House amended, [8MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [12MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–275), [17NO]
- H.R. 4386**—A bill to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [6MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [7MY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–156] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 4411**—A bill to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [23JY]
- H.R. 4412**—A bill to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9JN]
Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [10JN]
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged, [19JN]
Senate agreed to House request to return papers, [19JN]
Senate returned papers to the House, [20JN]
Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [23JN]
- H.R. 4413**—A bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [25JN]
- H.R. 4416**—A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [15JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–258] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4435**—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22MY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- H.R. 4443**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the “Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–220] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4449**—A bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [24JY]
- H.R. 4450**—A bill to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [23JY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [31JY]
- H.R. 4453**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations.
Passed House amended, [12JN]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [16JN]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [17JN]
- H.R. 4457**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [12JN]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [16JN]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [17JN]
- H.R. 4486**—A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [1MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–174), [22MY]
- H.R. 4487**—A bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [5MY]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–196), [19JN]
- H.R. 4488**—A bill to make technical corrections to two bills enabling the presentation of congressional gold medals, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [29AP]
Received in Senate, [30AP]
Passed Senate, [22MY]
Presented to the President (May 30, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–118] (signed June 9, 2014)
- H.R. 4490**—A bill to enhance the missions, objectives, and effectiveness of United States international communications, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [29JY]
- H.R. 4508**—A bill to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services.
Passed House, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23JY]
- H.R. 4527**—A bill to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [9SE]
- H.R. 4562**—A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.
Passed House, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23JY]
- H.R. 4569**—A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [2DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [3DE]
- H.R. 4572**—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate, [23JY]
Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [29JY]
- H.R. 4573**—A bill to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20MY]
Received in Senate, [21MY]
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [11DE]
Reported (no written report), [11DE]
Placed on the calendar, [11DE]
- H.R. 4587**—A bill to impose targeted sanctions on individuals responsible for carrying out or ordering human rights abuses against the citizens of Venezuela, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [28MY]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [2JN]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [5JN]
- H.R. 4626**—A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [29JY]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [30JY]
- H.R. 4631**—A bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24JN]
Received in Senate, [25JN]
Passed Senate, [31JY]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–157] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 4651**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas, as the “Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr., Memorial Post Office”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–259] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4653**—A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [8JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [9JY]
- H.R. 4660**—A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30MY]

- Received in Senate and read the first time, [2JN]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [10JN]
Motion to proceed considered, [12JN], [16JN], [17JN], [18JN], [19JN]
Senate invoked cloture on motion to proceed, [17JN]
- H.R. 4681**—A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30MY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Intelligence, [2JN]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate amended, [9DE]
House agreed to Senate amendment, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–293] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 4701**—A bill to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to vector-borne diseases.
Passed House amended, [9SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [10SE]
- H.R. 4709**—A bill to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [29JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [30JY]
- H.R. 4718**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation.
Passed House amended, [11JY]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [14JY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [15JY]
- H.R. 4719**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.
Passed House amended, [17JY]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [22JY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [23JY]
- H.R. 4745**—A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10JN]
Received in Senate and placed on the calendar, [12JN]
- H.R. 4751**—A bill to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10SE]
Received in Senate, [11SE]
Passed Senate, [17SE]
Presented to the President (September 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–171] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 4771**—A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [16SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 13, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–260] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4795**—A bill to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [1DE]
- H.R. 4801**—A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water.
Passed House, [23JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [24JN]
- H.R. 4802**—A bill to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [23JY]
- H.R. 4803**—A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [23JY]
- H.R. 4809**—A bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [29JY]
Received in Senate, [30JY]
Passed Senate, [17SE]
Presented to the President (September 19, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–172] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 4810**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for the provision of hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for Department of Veterans Affairs patients with extended waiting times for appointments at Department facilities, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [10JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, [11JN]
- H.R. 4812**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [23JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [4DE]
Presented to the President (December 9, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–221] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4838**—A bill to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray III 30th Street Station”.
Passed House, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [29JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [31JY]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–158] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 4846**—A bill to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [13NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17NO]
- H.R. 4870**—A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [20JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [25JN]
Reported with amendment (S. Rept. 113–211), [17JY]
- H.R. 4899**—A bill to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production, to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [26JN]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [26JN]
- H.R. 4919**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office”.
Passed House, [28JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [29JY]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–222] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4923**—A bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [10JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [14JY]
- H.R. 4924**—A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona.
Passed House amended, [1DE]
Received in Senate and passed, [2DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–223] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4926**—A bill to designate the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway” and the “James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway” in the State of Minnesota.
Passed House amended, [8DE]
Received in Senate, [9DE]
Passed Senate, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–261] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 4939**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the “Neil Havens Post Office”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–224] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 4980**—A bill to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery.
Passed House, [23JY]
Received in Senate, [24JY]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 26, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–183] (signed September 29, 2014)
- H.R. 4983**—A bill to simplify and streamline the information regarding institutions of higher education made publicly available by the Secretary of Education, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [24JY]
- H.R. 4984**—A bill to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [24JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [28JY]
- H.R. 4994**—A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]

- Received in Senate, [17SE]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 26, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–185] (signed October 6, 2014)
- H.R. 5016**—A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes. (filed July 2, 2014, pursuant to H. Res. 641)
Passed House amended, [16JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, [17JY]
- H.R. 5019**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Placed on the calendar, [13NO]
- H.R. 5021**—A bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15JY]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [15JY]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [16JY]
Passed Senate amended, [29JY]
House disagreed to Senate amendment, [31JY]
Senate receded from its amendment, [31JY]
Presented to the President (August 1, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–159] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 5029**—A bill to provide for the establishment of a body to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [15JY]
- H.R. 5030**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the “Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [8DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–225] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 5031**—A bill to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.
Passed House, [14JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [15JY]
- H.R. 5035**—A bill to reauthorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [23JY]
- H.R. 5040**—A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [18NO]
- H.R. 5050**—A bill to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate, [3DE]
Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–262] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5056**—A bill to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [14JY]
- Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [15JY]
- H.R. 5057**—A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [11SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [15SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [11DE]
Presented to the President (December 13, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–263] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5062**—A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege is maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [29JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [30JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 23, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–173] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 5069**—A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [17NO]
Received in Senate, [18NO]
Passed Senate, [2DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–264] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5076**—A bill to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to increase knowledge concerning, and improve services for, runaway and homeless youth who are victims of trafficking.
Passed House, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [24JY]
- H.R. 5078**—A bill to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [9SE]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [10SE]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [11SE]
- H.R. 5081**—A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [25JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [28JY]
- H.R. 5086**—A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [9DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [10DE]
- H.R. 5089**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
- H.R. 5106**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the “Philmore Graham Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9SE]
Reported (no written report), [13NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
- Approved [Public Law 113–226] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 5108**—A bill to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [16SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [4DE]
Presented to the President (December 9, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–227] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 5111**—A bill to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking.
Passed House amended, [24JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [28JY]
- H.R. 5116**—A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [24JY]
- H.R. 5120**—A bill to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [22JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [23JY]
- H.R. 5134**—A bill to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year.
Passed House, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, [24JY]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15SE]
Presented to the President (September 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–174] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 5135**—A bill to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [23JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [24JY]
- H.R. 5142**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Jackson Street in Rich Square, North Carolina, as the “Chief Joseph E. White, Jr. Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18NO]
- H.R. 5146**—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”.
Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, [9DE]
- H.R. 5161**—A bill to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.
Passed House, [11SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [15SE]
- H.R. 5162**—A bill to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [18NO]

- H.R. 5167**—A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.
Passed House amended, [13NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [17NO]
- H.R. 5169**—A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [17SE]
- H.R. 5170**—A bill to improve Federal employee compliance with the Federal and Presidential recordkeeping requirements, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [17SE]
- H.R. 5185**—A bill to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.
Passed House amended, [9DE]
Received in Senate, [10DE]
Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–265] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5195**—A bill to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [30JY]
Received in Senate, [31JY]
Passed Senate, [1AU]
Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–160] (signed August 8, 2014)
- H.R. 5205**—A bill to authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [15SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [16SE]
- H.R. 5230**—A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1AU]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [5AU]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [8SE]
- H.R. 5272**—A bill to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1AU]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [5AU]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [8SE]
- H.R. 5309**—A bill to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [8SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [9SE]
- H.R. 5331**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the “Colonel M.J. ‘Mac’ Dube, USMC Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18NO]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–266] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5385**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”.
Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9DE]
- H.R. 5386**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18NO]
- H.R. 5404**—A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate, [17SE]
Passed Senate, [18SE]
Presented to the President (September 23, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–175] (signed September 26, 2014)
- H.R. 5405**—A bill to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, to reduce regulatory burdens, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [17SE]
- H.R. 5418**—A bill to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business.
Passed House, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [17SE]
- H.R. 5419**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.
Passed House, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [17SE]
- H.R. 5420**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations.
Passed House, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance, [17SE]
- H.R. 5421**—A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy.
Passed House amended, [1DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, [2DE]
- H.R. 5441**—A bill to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate, [18NO]
Passed Senate, [20NO]
Presented to the President (November 24, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–199] (signed December 4, 2014)
- H.R. 5461**—A bill to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [16SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [17SE]
- H.R. 5462**—A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers.
Passed House, [17SE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [18SE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [4DE]
- Presented to the President (December 9, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–294] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 5468**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”.
Passed House, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [18NO]
- H.R. 5471**—A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, [3DE]
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- H.R. 5544**—A bill to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation.
Passed House amended, [17NO]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [18NO]
- H.R. 5562**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the “Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building”.
Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9DE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–267] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5629**—A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [1DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [3DE]
- H.R. 5681**—A bill to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes.
Passed House, [19NO]
Received in Senate, [20NO]
Passed Senate, [3DE]
Presented to the President (December 8, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–228] (signed December 16, 2014)
- H.R. 5687**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office”.
Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9DE]
Committee discharged. Passed Senate, [15DE]
Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–268] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5705**—A bill to modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council.
Passed House, [9DE]
Received in Senate and passed, [10DE]
Presented to the President (December 12, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–269] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5714**—A bill to permit commercial applicators of pesticides to create, retain, submit, and convey pesticide application-related records, reports, data, and other information in electronic form.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, [3DE]

- H.R. 5728**—A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [19NO]
Received in Senate and passed, [20NO]
Presented to the President (November 24, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–200] (signed December 4, 2014)
- H.R. 5739**—A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of Social Security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [2DE]
Received in Senate, [3DE]
Passed Senate, [4DE]
Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–270] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5759**—A bill to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief.
Passed House amended, [4DE]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [8DE]
- Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [9DE]
- H.R. 5769**—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [3DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, [4DE]
- H.R. 5771**—A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, and for other purposes.
Passed House amended, [3DE]
Received in Senate and read the first time, [8DE]
Read the second time and placed on the calendar, [9DE]
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Passed Senate, [16DE]
Presented to the President (December 18, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–295] (signed December 19, 2014)
- H.R. 5781**—A bill to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California.
Passed House amended, [9DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, [10DE]
- H.R. 5794**—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office”.
Passed House, [8DE]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, [9DE]
- H.R. 5816**—A bill to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.
Passed House, [10DE]
Received in Senate, [11DE]
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Presented to the President (December 17, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–271] (signed December 18, 2014)
- H.R. 5859**—A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.
Passed House, [11DE]
Received in Senate, [12DE]
Passed Senate, [13DE]
Presented to the President (December 16, 2014)
Approved [Public Law 113–272] (signed December 18, 2014)

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H.J. Res. 76—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

Passed Senate amended, [1AU]

House agreed to Senate amendments, [1AU]

Presented to the President (August 4, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–145] (signed August 4, 2014)

H.J. Res. 105—A joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Galvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Galvez.

Passed House, [28JY]

Received in Senate, [29JY]

Passed Senate, [4DE]

Presented to the President (December 10, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–229] (signed December 16, 2014)

H.J. Res. 106—A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

Passed House, [14JA]

Received in Senate, [14JA]

Passed Senate, [15JA]

Presented to the President (January 15, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–73] (signed January 15, 2014)

H.J. Res. 120—A joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution.

Passed House, [8SE]

Received in Senate, [9SE]

Passed Senate, [10SE]

Presented to the President (September 16, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–176] (signed September 26, 2014)

H.J. Res. 124—A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

Passed House amended, [17SE]

Received in Senate, [17SE]

Passed Senate, [18SE]

Presented to the President (September 19, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–164] (signed September 19, 2014)

H.J. Res. 129—A joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

Passed House, [14NO]

Received in Senate, [17NO]

Passed Senate, [20NO]

Presented to the President (November 24, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–201] (signed December 4, 2014)

H.J. Res. 130—A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

Passed House, [11DE]

Received in Senate and passed, [11DE]

Presented to the President (December 11, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–202] (signed December 12, 2014)

H.J. Res. 131—A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

Passed House, [12DE]

Received in Senate, [12DE]

Passed Senate, [13DE]

Presented to the President (December 13, 2014)

Approved [Public Law 113–203] (signed December 13, 2014)

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- H. Con. Res. 74**—Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3547.
Agreed to in the House, [15JA]
Received in Senate, [15JA]
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- H. Con. Res. 75**—Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.
Agreed to in the House, [16JA]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [27JA]
- H. Con. Res. 81**—Concurrent resolution providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 25.
Agreed to in the House, [11FE]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [12FE]
- H. Con. Res. 82**—Concurrent resolution providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 540.
Agreed to in the House, [11FE]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [12FE]
- H. Con. Res. 83**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.
Agreed to in the House, [7MY]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [8MY]
- H. Con. Res. 88**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.
Agreed to in the House, [1AP]
Received in Senate, [2AP]
Agreed to in the Senate, [3AP]
- H. Con. Res. 90**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.
Agreed to in the House, [7AP]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [8AP]
- H. Con. Res. 92**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.
Agreed to in the House, [1AP]
Received in Senate, [2AP]
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- H. Con. Res. 93**—Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370.
Agreed to in the House, [13MR]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [13MR]
- H. Con. Res. 96**—Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024.
Agreed to in the House, [10AP]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on the Budget, [11AP]
Committee discharged. Placed on the calendar, [11AP]
- H. Con. Res. 100**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
Agreed to in the House, [9JN]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [10JN]
- H. Con. Res. 103**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.
Agreed to in the House, [25JY]
Received in Senate, [28JY]
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- H. Con. Res. 105**—Concurrent resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces, other than Armed Forces required to protect United States diplomatic facilities and personnel, from Iraq.
Agreed to in the House amended, [25JY]
Received in Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [28JY]
- H. Con. Res. 106**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.
Agreed to in the House, [25JY]
Received in Senate, [28JY]
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Agreed to in the House amended, [30JY]
Received in Senate, [30JY]
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, [18NO]
Reported with amendments (no written report), [4DE]
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Agreed to in the House, [17JY]
Received in Senate, [17JY]
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- H. Con. Res. 111**—Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3230.
Agreed to in the House, [30JY]
Received in Senate, [30JY]
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- H. Con. Res. 112**—Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.
Agreed to in the House, [4AU]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [5AU]
- H. Con. Res. 119**—Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.
Agreed to in the House, [20NO]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [20NO]
- H. Con. Res. 120**—Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.
Agreed to in the House, [3DE]
Received in Senate and agreed to, [4DE]
- H. Con. Res. 121**—Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979.
Agreed to in the House, [4DE]
Received in Senate, [8DE]
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- H. Con. Res. 122**—Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 83.
Agreed to in the House, [11DE]
Received in Senate, [11DE]
Agreed to in the Senate, [13DE]
- H. Con. Res. 123**—Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979.
Agreed to in the House, [10DE]
Received in Senate, [11DE]
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- H. Con. Res. 124**—Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5771.
Agreed to in the House, [10DE]
Received in Senate, [11DE]
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- H. Con. Res. 125**—Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress.
Agreed to in the House, [12DE]
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- strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 2673), [28JY]
- Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]
- Korea, Republic of: provide high-skilled visas for nationals (see S. 2663), [24JY]
- Law enforcement officers: encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout U.S. to disseminate information when an officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty (see S. 357), [28AP]
- Mathews, Harlan: tribute (see S. Res. 444), [13MY]
- Medicare: provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items (see S. 948), [26JN]
- Members of Congress: authorize to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to the President or other executive branch official directing executive branch officials to not enforce a provision of law (see S. 2062), [11MR]
- Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 2329), [22MY]
- Motor vehicles: limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 1925), [14JA]
- National Adoption Day: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 580), [17NO]
- National Adoption Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 580), [17NO]
- National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 558), [17SE]
- National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 519), [24JY]
- National Assistant Principals Week: designate (see S. Res. 405), [31MR]
- National Character Counts Week: designate (see S. Res. 557), [17SE]
- National Foster Care Month: designate (see S. Res. 442), [13MY] (see S. Res. 456), [22MY]
- National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 575), [18SE]
- National Safe Digging Month: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 439), [6MY]
- National security: recognize importance of biosecurity and agro-defense (see S. Res. 373), [5MR]
- Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [22MY]
- NIH: submit an annual budget estimate for Alzheimer's disease initiatives (see S. 2192), [31JY]
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: notify individuals if personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is known to have been acquired or accessed as a result of a breach of security (see S. 1902), [14JA]
- provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 2106), [24MR]
- Privacy: protect consumers and businesses from identity theft and require notice of security breaches (see S. 1927), [15JA]
- Public buildings: improve security at State and local courthouses (see S. 445), [30AP]
- Russia: prevent further aggression toward Ukraine and other European and Eurasian states by strengthening NATO, imposing sanctions, and hardening non-NATO allies (see S. 2277), [1MY]
- Safe Drinking Water Act: reauthorize provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (see S. 864), [1DE]
- School Bus Safety Month: designate (see S. Res. 560), [17SE]
- Senate Rules: modify the provision relating to timing for filing of cloture motions (see S. Res. 382), [12MR]
- Ships and vessels: establish uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the U.S. (see S. 2094), [6MR]
- exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from fire-retardant materials requirement if owners make certain structural alterations to areas that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials (see S. 2924), [1DE]
- Silver Star Service Banner Day: designate (see S. Res. 430), [30AP]
- Smith-Lever Act: observe anniversary and recognize role in establishing Cooperative Extension system providing agricultural education through land-grant universities (see S. Con. Res. 33), [12MR]
- Sri Lanka: develop a balanced U.S. policy, call for international assistance in dealing with grievances arising from civil war, support reconciliation, and improve religious and media freedoms (see S. Res. 364), [27FE]
- St. Clair, MO: release from all restrictions, conditions, limitations on use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of St. Clair Regional Airport (see S. 2759), [31JY]
- Sudan: condemn charge of apostasy and death sentence of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, encourage U.S. efforts to support religious freedom, and urge inclusion of freedom of religion when drafting new constitution (see S. Res. 453), [22MY]
- Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [8JY]
- recreational performance outerwear (see S. 2838), [17SE]
- Taxation: consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses (see S. 1090), [12NO]
- exclude payments received under Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds (see S. 2525), [25JN]
- extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances (see S. 2180), [27MR]
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- provide collegiate housing and infrastructure grants (see S. 654), [8JY]
- Tax-exempt organizations: provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 2708), [30JY]
- Terrorism: designate fighting for a hostile foreign government or terrorist organization as an affirmative renunciation of U.S. citizenship (see S. 2779), [18SE]
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- Transportation Security Administration: implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs (see S. 1893), [11MR]
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- investments with Russia as intermediary, and restrict aid to countries that recognize Russian sovereignty (see S. 2238), [10AP]
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- VFW: amend Federal charter to reflect service of women in the Armed Forces (see S. 2782), [17SE]
- Vietnam: promote freedom and democracy (see S. 1649), [8MY]
- Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 2496), [19JN]
- World War I: designate memorials to the service of Armed Forces members (see S. 2264), [28AP]
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- Armed Forces: improve access to mental health services under TRICARE (see S. 2276), [1MY]
- Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 2118), [12MR]
- Federal agencies and departments: include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 1921), [14JA]
- National Rare Earth Refinery Cooperative: establish (see S. 2006), [6FE]
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 2190), [1AP]
- Webster University: anniversary (see S. Res. 465), [3JN]
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- American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [10FE]
- Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [9DE]
- Armed Forces: allow credit reporting agencies to notify active servicemembers when an adverse action is posted on their credit report (see S. 2456), [10JN]
- award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [24FE]
- restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1982), [11FE]
- Baker, Howard H., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 494), [26JN]
- Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 363), [26FE]
- BLM: designate certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in Utah as wilderness (see S. 769), [9DE]
- Boys Town (organization): mint coins in commemoration of anniversary (see S. 1011), [18SE]
- Burma: develop a nondiscriminatory solution addressing Rakhine State's needs for peace and security and call for an end to persecution of Rohingya people and respect of internationally recognized human rights for all minority groups (see S. Res. 586), [20NO]
- Cape May-Lewes Ferry: anniversary (see S. Res. 490), [26JN]
- Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 2746), [18SE]
- treat children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking and require law enforcement to take all necessary measures to protect such children, particularly during the Super Bowl (see S. Res. 340), [28JA]
- Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 84), [27MR] (see S. 2199), [10SE]
- Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [12MY]
- Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: establish (see S. 398), [24MR]
- Conservation of energy: express that performance-based contracts for energy savings are a budget-neutral means to support reduced Government energy consumption while supporting jobs and economic development (see S. Res. 562), [18SE]
- Contraceptives: establish a public education and awareness and access program on emergency contraception (see S. 2876), [18SE]
- Crime: prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture (see S. 666), [17NO]
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- Defense of Marriage Act: repeal and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 1236), [16JA]
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- Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1956), [30JA]
- Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 1066), [20MY] (see S. 2292), [6MY] (see S. 2432), [4JN]
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- require institutions of higher education that receive Federal funds to adopt policies to prevent harassment and bullying (see S. 2164), [18SE]
- use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary and secondary schools (see S. 2029), [12FE]
- Dept. of HHS: establish a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee (see S. 719), [14JY]
- increase number of permanent faculty in palliative care at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, and promote education in palliative care and hospice (see S. 641), [18SE]
- provide cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources and disseminate such materials by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families (see S. 254), [20MY]
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- Dept. of Justice: enhance the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program (see S. 2254), [10AP]
- extend authorization of Bulletproof Vest Partnership (see S. 933), [10MR]
- Dept. of State: establish a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Peoples in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (see S. 2472), [12JN]
- Dept. of the Interior: establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 2306), [8MY]
- reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 2188), [16SE]
- Dept. of the Treasury: extend termination date of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (see S. 2244), [1MY]
- Dept. of Transportation: establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries (see S. 2284), [13MY]
- set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [12MY]
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve access of veterans to medical services by improving scheduling, staff training and hiring, access to care from non-departmental providers, and administrative matters (see S. 2422), [3JN] (see S. 2450), [9JN]
- Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 429), [29AP]
- Diseases: express that current Ebola outbreak in Africa is an international health crisis (see S. Res. 541), [16SE]
- foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [20MY]
- improve asthma management, education, and research (see S. 2804), [15SE]
- reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [18JN]
- District of Columbia: statehood (see S. 132), [7AP]
- Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
- Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [2AP]
- Education: improve early learning opportunities for pre-kindergarten children (see S. 1697), [1MY]
- reauthorize 21st century community learning centers (see S. 326), [18SE]
- require additional disclosures and protections for students and cosigners relative to student loans (see S. 2460), [11JN]
- Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [20MY]
- Employment: allow Americans to earn paid sick time to address their own health needs and the health needs of their families (see S. 631), [18SE]
- encourage corporate, academic, and social entities to develop rules requiring consideration of minority candidates when searching for a business vendor or filling leadership positions (see S. Res. 511), [29JY]
- FAA: issue regulations on secondary cockpit barriers (see S. 1495), [9SE]
- FCC: promote certain unlicensed spectrum use and maximize the use of such spectrum for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development (see S. 2505), [19JN]
- FDA: incentivize the development of treatments and vaccines for Ebola by adding the disease to priority review voucher program (see S. 2917), [17NO]
- provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients (see S. 2141), [17SE]
- require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly (see S. 809), [31JY]
- FEMA: delay implementation of certain reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1926), [27JA]
- Financial institutions: clarify application of certain leverage and risk-based capital requirements (see S. 2270), [6MY]
- Health: prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the U.S. (see S. 541), [30AP]

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- Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [13MR]
- Insurance: ensure that employers that provide health benefits to their employees cannot deny any specific health benefits, including contraception coverage (see S. 2578), [9JY]
- Israel: reaffirm support for right to defend itself against rocket attacks from Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn and call for an end to such attacks, and dissolve Palestinian Authority unity Government with Hamas (see S. Res. 498), [16JY]
- strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 2673), [28JY]
- support right to defend itself and call on Hamas (terrorist organization) to immediately cease all rocket and other attacks against Israel (see S. Res. 517), [29JY]
- Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]
- Jewish American Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 458), [22MY]
- Johnson, Henry: award Medal of Honor posthumously (see S. 2793), [17SE]
- Juneteenth Independence Day: observance (see S. Res. 474), [12JN]
- Land and Water Conservation Fund: provide consistent and reliable authority and funding to maximize effectiveness for future generations (see S. 338), [12NO]
- Mathews, Harlan: tribute (see S. Res. 444), [13MY]
- Medicaid: protect enrollment of incarcerated youth for medical assistance (see S. 2211), [3AP]
- Medicare: develop criteria for medically necessary short inpatient hospital stays (see S. 2082), [20MY]
- waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening (see S. 2348), [18SE]
- Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act: reauthorize and improve (see S. 162), [14MY]
- Minimum wage: increase, and extend increased expensing limitations for depreciable business assets and treatment of certain property as section 179 property (see S. 1737), [14JA] (see S. 2223), [9AP]
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- National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 574), [18SE]
- National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: designate (see S. Res. 547), [16SE]
- National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 536), [8SE]
- National Park Service: acquire and protect nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (see S. 916), [8JY]
- National Peace Officers Memorial Day: observance (see S. Res. 449), [15MY]
- National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 481), [23JN]
- New Jersey: anniversary of founding (see S. Res. 476), [12JN]
- New York, NY: reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (see S. 2844), [17SE]
- Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: adjust boundaries to include Hincliffe Stadium (see S. 1189), [10AP]
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employees' dependents access to tax credits if the cost of family coverage through the employer is greater than a certain percentage of household income (see S. 2434), [12JN]
- Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [3FE]
- Pharmaceuticals: preserve effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in treatment of human and animal diseases (see S. 1256), [10DE]
- Political campaigns: provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities (see S. 2516), [24JN]
- Pollution: establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants (see S. 2911), [9DE]
- Privacy: reform Federal authority to require production of business records, conduct surveillance, and certain forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes (see S. 2685), [31JY]
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize (see S. 2646), [18NO]
- Schools: address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students (see S. 403), [18SE]
- encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 2304), [7MY]
- end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools (see S. 1088), [18SE]
- Second Chance Act: reauthorize (see S. 1690), [16JN]
- Senate: require candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form (see S. 375), [13MR]
- Ships and vessels: remove limitation on a prohibition relative to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels (see S. 2963), [20NO]
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- Tariff: increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day (see S. 489), [18SE]
- Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [10MR]
- make permanent the minimum low-income housing tax credit rate for unsubsidized buildings and provide a minimum credit rate for existing buildings (see S. 1442), [8JY]
- prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt (see S. 1187), [18NO]
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- reduce excise tax rate on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers (see S. 917), [29JY]
- strengthen the earned income tax credit and make permanent certain tax provisions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (see S. 836), [6MR]
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- National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: designate (see S. Res. 350), [6FE]
- SBA: create a grant program for governmental and other nonprofit organizations that support startup businesses by providing entrepreneurs with resources and services to produce viable businesses (see S. 2850), [17SE]
- Taxation: allow employers a credit for wages paid to employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs (see S. 2234), [9AP]
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- Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 2118), [12MR]
- Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [12FE]
- Denton, Jeremiah: tribute (see S. Res. 407), [31MR]
- Dept. of Agriculture: extend the term of marketing assistance loans in cases in which a purchaser has bought the loan commodity subject to the loan and declared bankruptcy prior to paying for the loan commodity (see S. 2815), [16SE]
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Gambling: restore long-standing U.S. policy that the Federal Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling (see S. 2159), [19NO]

Government regulations: establish a National Regulatory Budget and an Office of Regulatory Analysis (see S. 2153), [26MR]

Immigration: call for the President to take action to mitigate the humanitarian crisis involving unaccompanied alien children attempting to cross illegally into the U.S. (see S. Res. 486), [26JN]

—making supplemental appropriations for border security, law enforcement, and humanitarian assistance (see S. 2743), [31JY]

IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 2011), [11FE]

Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization): condemn killing of Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig and other terrorist acts and express condolences to his family (see S. Res. 598), [10DE]

Israel: reaffirm support for right to defend itself against rocket attacks from Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn and call for an end to such attacks, and dissolve Palestinian Authority unity Government with Hamas (see S. Res. 498), [10JY]

Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]

Mathews, Harlan: tribute (see S. Res. 444), [13MY]

Medicare: remove the physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services (see S. 2037), [29AP]

National Security Agency: provide for the Inspector General to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (see S. 2439), [5JN]

Nazi Party—World War II: terminate Social Security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution (see S. 2944), [20NO]

Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [13NO]

Palestinian Authority: restrict funds (see S. 2265), [29AP]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 2190), [1AP]

—disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 35), [27MR]

—notify individuals if personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is known to have been acquired or accessed as a result of a breach of security (see S. 1902), [13JA]

—provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 2106), [11MR]

Russia: impose sanctions and provide additional assistance to Ukraine (see S. 2828), [17NO]

—prevent further aggression toward Ukraine and other European and Eurasian states by strengthening NATO, imposing sanctions, and hardening non-NATO allies (see S. 2277), [1MY]

SBA: establish the Innovative Approaches to Technology Transfer Grant Program (see S. 2551), [26JN]

Senate Rules: modify the provision relating to timing for filing of cloture motions (see S. Res. 382), [12MR]

Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 2363), [25JN]

Sri Lanka: develop a balanced U.S. policy, call for international assistance in dealing with grievances arising from civil war, support reconciliation, and improve religious and media freedoms (see S. Res. 364), [2AP]

Taxation: make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [9JN]

Terrorism: express that the transfer of certain detainees on May 31, 2014, was unlawful, call for an investigation, and determine impact of the transfer on the common defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 469), [12JN]

U.N.: deny admission to the U.S. any U.N. representative who has engaged in espionage or terrorist activities, or poses a national security threat, against the U.S. (see S. 2195), [7AP]

Ukraine: condemn violation of sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by Russian forces and call for international response opposing Russia's actions and in support of Ukrainian Government (see S. Res. 378), [11MR]

Unemployment: extend unemployment benefits (see S. 1931), [15JA]

—extend unemployment benefits with offsets, reform program, terminate benefits to jobless millionaires, and eliminate overlapping benefits with the Social Security Disability Insurance program (see S. 2097), [6MR]

Veterans: recognize patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans services organizations (see S. Res. 506), [29JY]

Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 2496), [26JN]

World War I: mint coins in commemoration of centennial (see S. 2714), [18SE]

World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [30AP]

Bills and resolutions introduced

Federal agencies and departments: end contracts and prohibit entering into new contracts with Rosoboroneport (company) relative to Russian military intervention in Ukraine (see S. 2352), [15MY]

—establish uniform requirements for thorough economic analysis of regulations by Federal agencies based on sound principles (see S. 2099), [10MR]

Financial institutions: establish the prudential regulator of community and independent depository institutions as the conduit and arbiter of all Federal financial oversight, examination, and reporting (see S. 2242), [10AP]

National security: enhance homeland security (see S. 2869), [18SE]

Taxation: provide notice to charities and other non-profit organizations before their tax-exempt status is automatically revoked (see S. 2351), [15MY]

Tax-exempt organizations: provide equal access to declaratory judgments for organizations seeking tax-exempt status if the IRS delays acting on applications (see S. 2708), [30JY]

Ukraine: condemn violation of sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by Russian forces and call for international response opposing Russia's actions and in support of Ukrainian Government (see S. Res. 370), [5MR]

—refute Russian sovereignty over Crimea, its territory, airspace, or waters, oppose foreign aid or investments with Russia as intermediary, and restrict aid to countries that recognize Russian sovereignty (see S. 2238), [10AP]

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Appointments

Conferee: H.R. 3230, Veterans' Access to Care Through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act, [18JN]

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Present, [6JA]

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Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [14JA]

- Baker, Howard H., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 494), [26JN]
 Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 363), [26FE]
 Burma: place conditions on assistance relative to human rights (see S. 1885), [18JN]
 Bush, George: tribute (see S. Res. 471), [11JN]
 Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 2280), [1MY]
 Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 2118), [12MR]
 Davis-Bacon Act: repeal wage rate requirements (see S. 2617), [16JY]
 Denton, Jeremiah: tribute (see S. Res. 407), [31MR]
 Dept. of Agriculture: limit crop insurance premium subsidies based on adjusted gross income of the producer (see S. 2201), [2AP]
 Dept. of Homeland Security: codify the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (see S. 2519), [24JN]
 Dept. of Justice: provide the Inspector General with the authority to investigate allegations of misconduct by departmental attorneys (see S. 2127), [27MR]
 Dept. of State: renegotiate with Iraq provisions of original agreement relative to the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq (see S. Res. 333), [6FE]
 Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for removal of Senior Executive Service employees based on performance (see S. 2013), [4MR]
 —provide veterans with the choice of medical providers, improve performance metrics for provided health care, and increase transparency and accountability of operations (see S. 2424), [3JN]
 Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
 Education: improve the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, expand educational choices for the disabled, and establish a scholarship program for military children (see S. 1909), [4FE]
 Employment: reform and strengthen the workforce investment system (see S. 1911), [9JA]
 Endangered species: remove the American burying beetle from the endangered species list (see S. 2678), [29JY]
 EPA: call for withdrawal of proposed rules to establish carbon pollution (greenhouse gas) emission guidelines for existing and modified and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. Res. 512), [23JY]
 —disapprove rule establishing new source performance standards to limit greenhouse gas emissions from new powerplants (see S.J. Res. 30), [16JA]
 —prohibit issuing any final rule under the Clean Air Act until completion of mandated employment effect analyses for current air regulations (see S. 2161), [26MR]
 FDA: incentivize the development of treatments and vaccines for ebola by adding the disease to priority review voucher program (see S. 2917), [12NO]
 Federal agencies and departments: disclose details of, and tax treatment of payments under, settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies and require explanations of confidentiality of such settlements (see S. 1898), [8JA]
 —include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense (see S. 1921), [14JA]
 —prohibit deduction of labor organization dues from the pay of Federal employees (see S. 2436), [7JY]
 Financial institutions: clarify that prohibitions on investments in certain funds shall not be construed to require divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities (see S. 1907), [13JA]
 —provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [25MR]
 FRS: increase threshold at which regulated depository institutions are subject to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau direct examination and reporting requirements (see S. 2732), [8SE]
 —reaffirm importance of community banking and community banking regulatory experience on the Board of Governors and ensure at least one member with such experience (see S. 2252), [30AP]
 GAO: study expenses incurred by the Pentagon to meet renewable energy and energy efficiency mandates (see S. 1928), [15JA]
 Immigration: treat all unaccompanied alien children crossing the U.S. Southern border equally, allow for voluntary reunification with family, and expedite due process for claims to remain in the U.S. (see S. 2611), [17JY]
 Information technology: reform Federal information security (see S. 2521), [24JN]
 Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [6JA]
 IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 2011), [11FE]
 Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]
 Libraries: require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (see S. 2640), [22JY]
 Mathews, Harlan: tribute (see S. Res. 444), [13MY]
 Medicare: encourage beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive (see S. 2240), [10AP]
 Moldova: support sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, call for removal of Russian forces, and resolve conflict in Transnistria territory (see S. Res. 411), [3AP]
 National Blood Donor Month: designate (see S. Con. Res. 31), [29JA]
 National Child Awareness Month: designate (see S. Res. 503), [16JY]
 Office of the Director of National Intelligence: develop a watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to U.S. trade secrets or proprietary information (see S. 2384), [22MY]
 Palestinian Authority: restrict funds (see S. 2265), [29AP]
 Patent and Trademark Office: establish Innovation Promotion Fund and remove from congressional appropriations process to prevent diversion of user fees (see S. 2146), [13MR]
 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 2190), [1AP]
 —notify individuals if personal and private information of those enrolling in exchanges is known to have been acquired or accessed as a result of a breach of security (see S. 1902), [9JA]
 —require full disclosure by health exchange plans of abortion coverage and abortion premium surcharges (see S. 1848), [8JA]
 —require States with failed health care exchanges to reimburse the Federal Government for amounts provided for establishment and operation of such exchanges (see S. 2339), [14MY]
 Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [30JA]
 SEC: modify disclosures to investors in municipal and corporate debt securities (see S. 2114), [12MR]
 —provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1923), [28JA]
 Senate Rules: modify the provision relating to timing for filing of cloture motions (see S. Res. 382), [12MR]
 Sri Lanka: develop a balanced U.S. policy, call for international assistance in dealing with grievances arising from civil war, support reconciliation, and improve religious and media freedoms (see S. Res. 364), [1MY]
 Sudan: condemn charge of apostasy and death sentence of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, encourage U.S. efforts to support religious freedom, and urge inclusion of freedom of religion when drafting new constitution (see S. Res. 453), [21MY]
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: reverse listing of lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species and prevent further consideration of such listing pending implementation of conservation plans and measures (see S. 2677), [29JY]
 Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 2496), [19JN]
 World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [28AP]
Bills and resolutions introduced
 Dept. of Defense: prohibit transfer of excess military equipment to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies (see S. 2904), [18SE]
 Dept. of HHS: eliminate authority to limit ability of medical providers to conduct lawful businesses (see S. 2278), [1MY]
 Dept. of Homeland Security: repeal certain reporting mandates of the Office of Inspector General (see S. 2651), [24JY]
 Dept. of the Interior: acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park Service (see S. 2873), [18SE]
 Dept. of Transportation: rescind unused earmarks (see S. 2370), [21MY]
 FDIC: clarify membership requirements for Board of Directors (see S. 2852), [18SE]
 Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 2113), [12MR]
 —strengthen Inspector General audits and investigations by streamlining computer matching agreements (see S. 2927), [13NO]
 Medicare: provide for the reporting of certain hospital payment data (see S. 2005), [6FE]
 Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 2206), [3AP]
 Social Security: protect the Social Security Disability Insurance program and provide other support for working disabled individuals (see S. 3003), [11DE]
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 American Eagle Day: designate (see S. Res. 477), [17JN]
 American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [4FE]
 Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [13MY]
 —restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1977), [24FE]
 —restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment by requiring inclusion of Social Security numbers as a condition of claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit (see S. 1869), [7JA]
 Baker, Howard H., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 494), [26JN]
 Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 363), [26FE]
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- safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 2475), [17JN]
- Civil rights: award a Congressional Gold Medal to James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner honoring the 50th anniversary of their murder in Mississippi during Freedom Summer (see S. 2886), [18SE]
- Congo, Democratic Republic of the: resume processing adoption cases and issuance of exit permits for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents (see S. 502), [29JY]
- Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 2280), [1MY]
- require specification of the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws (see S. 1404), [25FE]
- Conservation of natural resources: support voluntary, incentive-based, private land conservation in order to sustain natural resources to meet the needs of a growing population (see S. Con. Res. 39), [24JY]
- Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 2118), [12MR]
- Credit: modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage to preserve access to manufactured housing (see S. 1828), [8SE]
- Denton, Jeremiah: tribute (see S. Res. 407), [31MR]
- Dept. of HHS: better enable State child welfare agencies to prevent human trafficking of children and serve the needs of victims under adoption assistance and foster care programs (see S. 1823), [29JA]
- Dept. of State: renegotiate with Iraq provisions of original agreement relative to the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq (see S. Res. 333), [6FE]
- Dept. of the Interior: increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) to fund acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds (see S. 2621), [20NO]
- Dept. of Transportation: establish innovation in surface transportation program (see S. 2891), [18SE]
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for removal of Senior Executive Service employees based on performance (see S. 2013), [4JN]
- Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
- Education: support State authority and flexibility in establishing student academic standards and denounce the President's coercion of States into adopting the Common Core State Standards (see S. Res. 345), [6FE]
- EPA: call for withdrawal of proposed rules to establish carbon pollution (greenhouse gas) emission guidelines for existing and modified and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. Res. 512), [23JY]
- disapprove rule establishing new source performance standards to limit greenhouse gas emissions from new powerplants (see S.J. Res. 30), [16JA]
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- Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 2113), [7AP]
- Federal-State relations: require Federal agencies to look at a person's legal residence when determining marital status and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage (see S. 2024), [26FE]
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- Financial institutions: clarify that prohibitions on investments in certain funds shall not be construed to require divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities (see S. 1907), [13JA]
- provide exception from requirement for annual privacy notices for financial institutions which do not share personal information with affiliates (see S. 635), [29AP]
- Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 423), [11AP]
- Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by non-residents (see S. 1908), [9JA]
- FRS: require an audit of the Board of Governors and Federal Reserve banks (see S. 209), [21MY]
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- Immigration: making supplemental appropriations for border security, law enforcement, and humanitarian assistance (see S. 2743), [31JY]
- Iran: impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [9JA]
- IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 2011), [11FE]
- Israel: reaffirm support for right to defend itself against rocket attacks from Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn and call for an end to such attacks, and dissolve Palestinian Authority unity Government with Hamas (see S. Res. 498), [14JY]
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- Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]
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- National Estuaries Week: designate (see S. Res. 574), [18SE]
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- Taxation: allow a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids (see S. 1694), [24MR]
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- Terrorism: express that the transfer of certain detainees on May 31, 2014, was unlawful, call for an investigation, and determine impact of the transfer on the common defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 469), [11JN]
- Travel Promotion Act: extend (see S. 2250), [18SE]
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- VFW: amend Federal charter to reflect service of women in the Armed Forces (see S. 2782), [18SE]
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- World War I: mint coins in commemoration of centennial (see S. 2714), [18SE]
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Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide temporary care in the most cost effective manner when patients are relocated during medical facility construction and renovation projects (see S. 2428), [4JN]

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Chemicals: regulate and phase out use of persistent bioaccumulative and toxic chemical substances (see S. 2656), [24JY]

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- FDA: provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients (see S. 2141), [13MR]
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- IRS: clarify use of credentials by enrolled agents (see S. 2447), [5JN]
- Lawyers and attorneys: preclude law firms and licensed attorneys from the definition of a debt collector when taking certain actions (see S. 2328), [13MY]
- Medicare: distribute additional information to beneficiaries to prevent health care fraud (see S. 1944), [16JA]
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- Dept. of HHS: improve field emergency medical services (see S. 2400), [22MY]
- Dept. of the Interior: convey certain BLM land to Idaho County, ID, for use as a gun range (see S. 2616), [16JY]
- increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) to fund acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds (see S. 2621), [17JY]
- Dept. of the Treasury: extend termination date of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (see S. 2244), [11AP]
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve access of veterans to medical services by improving scheduling, staff training and hiring, access to care from non-departmental providers, and administrative matters (see S. 2450), [11JN]
- provide for removal of Senior Executive Service employees based on performance (see S. 2013), [15JY]
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- revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic medical appointment wait list manipulations (see S. 2545), [24JY]
- Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 2394), [22MY]
- Dia de los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans: designate (see S. Res. 429), [29AP]
- Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
- EPA: call for withdrawal of proposed rules to establish carbon pollution (greenhouse gas) emission guidelines for existing and modified and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. Res. 512), [23JY]
- clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 2156), [20MY]
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- Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 2113), [7AP]
- Financial institutions: clarify that prohibitions on investments in certain funds shall not be construed to require divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities (see S. 1907), [9JA]
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- prohibit funding of a State or local firearms ownership database (see S. 2105), [11MR]
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—prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an IRS employee (see S. 2066, 2073), [27FE]

National Telecommunications and Information Administration: update a report on the role of telecommunications, including the Internet, on the commission of hate crimes (see S. 2219), [8AP]

Religion: ensure organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to provide child welfare services (see S. 2706), [30JY]

Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: reauthorize (see S. 2646), [23JY]

SSA: confer spousal benefits to any legally married individual regardless of marriage laws in the State of residence (see S. 2305), [8MY]

Taxation: provide a tax credit to businesses that invest in American jobs, provide fair wages and benefits, employ active duty personnel, recruit veterans, and maintain a diverse workforce (see S. 2540), [26JN]

Unemployment: prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of an individual's status or history of unemployment (see S. 1972), [29JA]

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- reauthorize certain provisions relating to autism and establish a National Autism Spectrum Disorder Initiative (see S. 2449), [9JN]
- revise and extend program for viral hepatitis surveillance, education, and testing in order to prevent deaths from chronic liver disease and liver cancer (see S. 2538), [26JN]
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ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT related term(s)

CLEAN AIR ACT; HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES; RECYCLED MATERIALS; RECYCLING; RENEWABLE ENERGY; WATER

Appointments

Confere: H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act, [12FE]

Bills and resolutions

Air pollution: provide for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emission fees (see S. 2940), [19NO]

BLM: permanently reauthorize Permit Processing Improvement Fund and provide flexibility to designate new pilot offices and revise fee structures relative to oil and gas permitting (see S. 2440), [5JN]

Canada: ensure that the Canadian government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 565), [18SE]

Carbon Capture and Sequestration Deployment Acceleration Fund: establish (see S. 2776), [1AU]

CBO: require calculation of carbon score for all legislation (see S. 2905), [18SE]

CERCLA: make responsible parties liable for certain costs relating to the release of pollutants or contaminants (see S. 1951), [16JA]

—raise the per-incident cap on removal actions (see S. 1958), [16JA]

Chemicals: regulate and phase out use of persistent bioaccumulative and toxic chemical substances (see S. 2656), [24JY]

Climate: express that global climate change is occurring and will continue to pose ongoing risks and challenges (see S. Res. 524), [28JY]

Coal: direct Federal investment in carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies (see S. 2152), [25MR]

Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 2280), [1MY] (see S. 2554), [26JN]

Conservation of energy: promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry (see S. 2971), [3DE]

—promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry (see S. 2074), [27FE] (see S. 2262), [28AP]

Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 2028), [12FE]

—honor conservation of wildlife and sustainability of ecosystem on anniversary of extinction of the passenger pigeon (see S. Res. 564), [18SE]

—support voluntary, incentive-based, private land conservation in order to sustain natural resources to meet the needs of a growing population (see S. Con. Res. 39), [10JY]

Corps of Engineers: carry out projects necessary to separate the hydrologic connection between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River to prevent interbasin transfer of aquatic invasive species (see S. 3002), [11DE]

Cosmetics: prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads (see S. 2902), [18SE]

Dept. of Defense: improve energy savings (see S. 2273), [30AP]

Dept. of Energy: assess impact on the public interest prior to approval of additional permits to export natural gas (see S. 2088), [6MR]

—authorize a research program, loan guarantees, and tax credits to facilitate development and commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies (see S. 2287), [5MY]

—conduct a motor and motor-driven systems market assessment and public awareness program (see S. 2002), [6FE]

—provide certainty relative to timing of decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas (see S. 2638), [22JY]

Dept. of HHS: develop a national strategic action plan to assist health professionals in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change (see S. 2864), [18SE]

Dept. of State: provide authority to approve or deny permits for border-crossing infrastructure projects (see S. 2314), [8MY]

Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutes of higher education (see S. 2202), [2AP]

—authorize exploration, leasing, development, and production of oil and gas in and from the western Coastal Plain of Alaska without surface occupancy (see S. 2408), [22MY]

—authorize exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain of Alaska (see S. 2409), [22MY]

—authorize settlement relative to the agreement with TVA, North Carolina, and Swain County, NC, on the non-construction of the North Shore Road (see S. 2744), [31JY]

—carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 2367), [21MY]

—establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the Delaware River Basin region (see S. 2306), [8MY]

—increase prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (duck stamps) to fund acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds (see S. 2621), [17JY]

—prepare a report on the status of greater sage grouse conservation efforts (see S. 2575), [9JY]

—require land transfer to Alaska to construct single-lane gravel emergency road access through Izembek National Wildlife Refuge to connect King Cove, AK, and Cold Bay, AK, airport (see S. 1929), [15JA]

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- require to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published (see S. 2084), [5MR] (see S. 2729), [31JY]
- Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse (see S. 3017), [12DE]
- prohibit land management modifications relative to listing of lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species (see S. 2623), [17JY]
- provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 2394), [22MY]
- Developing countries: promote the use of clean cookstoves in order to create a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions (see S. 2100), [10MR]
- Drought: provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to California (see S. 2016), [11FE]
- provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to California and other Western States (see S. 2198), [1AP]
- provide for drought relief measures in New Mexico (see S. 2470), [12JN]
- Endangered species: protect and conserve species and the lawful possession of certain ivory in the U.S. (see S. 2587), [10JY]
- Endangered Species Act: disclose to States the basis of determinations and ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking (see S. 2630), [17JY]
- improve disclosure of funds expended to respond to lawsuits, dedicate employees to litigation, and cover attorneys fees (see S. 2752), [31JY]
- require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species (see S. 2635), [22JY]
- EPA: allow States to waive regulations promulgated under the Clean Air Act relating to electric generating units under certain circumstances (see S. 1988), [4FE]
- assist planning and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, or treat municipal and sanitary sewer overflows, and update guidance used to implement certain clean water programs (see S. 2797), [11SE]
- call for withdrawal of proposed rules to establish carbon pollution (greenhouse gas) emission guidelines for existing and modified and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. Res. 512), [23JY]
- carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet Federal Water Pollution Control Act wastewater and stormwater obligations (see S. 2995), [10DE]
- clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 2156), [25MR]
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- Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area: establish (see S. 2602), [15JY]
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———improve response to missing children and victims of child sex trafficking through updating law enforcement records and improving coordination with child welfare systems (see S. 1936), [16JA]

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- Copyrights: clarify definition of “widow” and “widower” to ensure protection for same-sex couples relative to passage of copyright rights to next of kin upon the death of a copyright holder (see S. 2919), [12NO]
- Dept. of Defense: conduct periodic mental health assessments and improve mental health services for Armed Forces members and submit reports relative to mental health (see S. 2300), [7MY]
- improve consistency of data collection, reporting, and assessment in connection with suicide prevention efforts (see S. 2357), [20MY]
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- require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs (see S. 2054), [27FE]
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- Dept. of the Interior: carry out programs and activities for connecting children and families with the outdoors (see S. 2367), [21MY]
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—review decisions of the North American Electric Reliability Corp., affecting cost allocation under system support resources agreements (see S. 2929), [17NO]

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- Congress: approve permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (see S. 2280), [1MY]
- Conservation of energy: express that performance-based contracts for energy savings are a budget-neutral means to support reduced Government energy consumption while supporting jobs and economic development (see S. Res. 562), [18SE]
- Constitution—U.S.: protect the separation of powers by allowing Congress to authorize a civil action against the President or executive branch for failure to execute laws (see S. 2118), [12MR]
- Contraceptives: ensure employers cannot prohibit access, call for an FDA study on whether prescriptions are necessary for contraceptives, and allow use of certain health accounts to purchase over-the-counter drugs (see S. 2605), [15JY]
- Courts: restrict protective orders and sealing of cases, and allow disclosure of discovery information in civil actions to ensure disclosures relevant to public health or safety (see S. 2364), [20MR]
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- Denton, Jeremiah: tribute (see S. Res. 407), [31MR]
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- Dept. of Defense: prohibit a reduction in funding for defense commissary system pending the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission report (see S. 2075), [26MR]
- Dept. of Education: combat campus sexual violence (see S. 2692), [30JY]
- Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 2301), [7MY]
- Dept. of the Interior: allow offshore South Atlantic energy production, provide revenue sharing from such leases, establish veterans workforce training, and create partnerships with institutes of higher education (see S. 2202), [2AP]
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for removal of Senior Executive Service employees based on performance (see S. 2013), [22MY]
 —provide veterans with the choice of medical providers, improve performance metrics for provided health care, and increase transparency and accountability of operations (see S. 2424), [3JN]
- Diseases: foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes and diabetes (see S. 539), [28AP]
 —reauthorize and extend program to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy (see S. 315), [6MR]
- Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
- EPA: amend guidelines governing the handling of lead-based paint during remodeling or renovation activities (see S. 484), [1AP]
 —disapprove rule establishing new source performance standards to limit greenhouse gas emissions from new powerplants (see S.J. Res. 30), [16JA]
 —prohibit issuing any final rule under the Clean Air Act until completion of mandated employment effect analyses for current air regulations (see S. 2161), [26MR]
- Families and domestic relations: implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally (see S. 2853), [18SE]
- FEMA: delay implementation of certain reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program (see S. 1926), [28JA]
- Financial institutions: improve examination of depository institutions (see S. 727), [29AP]
- Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by non-residents (see S. 1908), [9JA]
- Food industry: improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines (see S. 1756), [5MR]
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- National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers: reform (see S. 1926), [28JA]
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- Dept. of State: renegotiate with Iraq provisions of original agreement relative to the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq (see S. Res. 333), [29JA]
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: provide for removal of Senior Executive Service employees based on performance (see S. 2013), [4JN]
- Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: expedite access to Federal lands for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions (see S. 1049), [5MY]
- provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species (see S. 2394), [22MY]
- Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
- EPA: call for withdrawal of proposed rules to establish carbon pollution (greenhouse gas) emission guidelines for existing and modified and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (see S. Res. 512), [23JY]
- clarify and confirm authority to deny or restrict the use of a defined area as a dredged or fill material disposal site (see S. 2156), [17JY]
- disapprove rule establishing new source performance standards to limit greenhouse gas emissions from new powerplants (see S.J. Res. 30), [16JA]
- require decisions on whether naturally occurring or “exceptional” events cause air quality standard violations to be based on a preponderance of evidence and accord deference to State and local findings (see S. 2526), [25JN]
- FAA: issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots (see S. 2103), [24MR]
- FDA: create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs (see S. 2996), [10DE]
- incentivize the development of treatments and vaccines for ebola by adding the disease to priority review voucher program (see S. 2917), [12NO]
- provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support medical software (see S. 2977), [4DE]
- Federal agencies and departments: provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost of, performance by, and areas for improvements for Government programs (see S. 2113), [12MR]
- reform process by which agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (see S. 1029), [2DE]
- Federal aid programs: encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our nation’s social programs (see S. 2691), [30JY]
- Financial institutions: clarify that prohibitions on investments in certain funds shall not be construed to require divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities (see S. 1907), [14JA]
- Firearms: permit States to provide reciprocal treatment for carrying of certain concealed firearms by non-residents (see S. 1908), [25FE]
- prohibit funding of a State or local firearms ownership database (see S. 2105), [11MR]
- Foreign trade: establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations and provide for consideration of trade agreements (see S. 1900), [9JA]
- Forests: expedite review process for wildfire prevention projects (see S. 2768), [31JY]
- Horse Protection Act: provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales (see S. 2193), [7MY]
- Immigration: treat all unaccompanied alien children crossing the U.S. Southern border equally, allow for voluntary reunification with family, and expedite due process for claims to remain in the U.S. (see S. 2611), [22JY]
- Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty: address Russian noncompliance (see S. 2725), [31JY]
- hold Russia accountable for being in material breach of obligations, prohibit future nuclear arms reduction negotiations, and assess status of treaty (see S. Con. Res. 34), [10AP]
- Iran: condition further bilateral negotiations on Iran’s affirming Israel’s right to exist as Jewish state and release of U.S. citizens unjustly detained (see S. Res. 328), [8JA]
- expand economic sanctions, hold human rights violators accountable, and promote democracy (see S. 2585), [15JY]
- impose and expand sanctions for violations of interim Joint Plan of Action on nuclear weapons or failure to reach final agreement (see S. 1881), [6JA]
- prohibit waiver of certain sanctions absent certification that the waiver will not result in funding activities in support of terrorism, nuclear weapon development, or human rights violations (see S. 2667), [24JY]
- provide congressional review, report on any violations, and establish a timeline relative to a final agreement with Iran regarding its nuclear program (see S. 2650), [29JY]
- Iraq: protect religious minorities from persecution by Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) (terrorist organization) (see S. Res. 530), [30JY]
- IRS: prohibit modification of the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare (see S. 2011), [11FE]
- Israel: reaffirm support for right to defend itself against rocket attacks from Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn and call for an end to such attacks, and dissolve Palestinian Authority unity Government with Hamas (see S. Res. 498), [10JY]
- strengthen strategic alliance with the U.S. (see S. 2673), [28JY]
- Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]
- Labor unions: amend laws relative to timing of elections and pre-election hearings and identification of pre-election issues, and require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the NLRB (see S. 2178), [27MR]
- Manning, Jean M.: designate as Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 391), [13MR]
- Mathews, Harlan: tribute (see S. Res. 444), [13MY]
- Medicare: provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning (see S. 2553), [26JN]
- repeal the sustainable growth rate and improve payments for physicians and other professionals (see S. 2000), [6FE]
- Middle East: prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions (see S. 2329), [2JN]
- Monuments and memorials: require congressional approval and provide restrictions on the use of national monuments (see S. 104), [1AP]
- Motor vehicles: limit retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders (see S. 1925), [14JA]
- National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 543), [11SE]
- National Commission on the Future of the Army: establish (see S. 2295), [21MY]
- National Park Service: refund to States all State funds used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the Government shutdown (see S. 2104), [11MR]
- National Principals Month: designate (see S. Res. 554), [17SE]
- New Zealand: include in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the U.S. as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if U.S. nationals are treated similarly by New Zealand (see S. 2048), [4MR]
- Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [17JN]
- NIH: improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research (see S. 1027), [12JN]
- Olympic Games: commemorate the success of Team USA in the past 22 Olympic Winter Games and support Team USA in the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (see S. Res. 352), [6FE]
- tribute to U.S. participants in 2014 Olympic Winter Games (see S. Res. 381), [11MR]
- Palestinian Authority: restrict funds (see S. 2265), [29AP]
- Patents: advance public health by encouraging independent innovators to pursue drug repurposing research and develop new treatments and cures by providing intellectual property protections for those innovations (see S. 2150), [24MR]
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 2190), [1AP]
- disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 35), [27MR]
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- require States with failed health care exchanges to reimburse the Federal Government for amounts provided for establishment and operation of such exchanges (see S. 2339), [14MY]
- Pro Football Hall of Fame: mint coins in recognition and celebration (see S. 1842), [30JY]
- Russia: prevent further aggression toward Ukraine and other European and Eurasian states by strengthening NATO, imposing sanctions, and hardening non-NATO allies (see S. 2277), [1MY]
- Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 2304), [7MY]
- Senate Rules: modify the provision relating to timing for filing of cloture motions (see S. Res. 382), [12MR]
- Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 548), [16SE]
- Sports: protect and enhance opportunities for recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting (see S. 2363), [10JN]
- Sri Lanka: develop a balanced U.S. policy, call for international assistance in dealing with grievances arising from civil war, support reconciliation, and improve religious and media freedoms (see S. Res. 364), [27FE]
- Sudan: condemn charge of apostasy and death sentence of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, encourage U.S. efforts to support religious freedom, and urge inclusion of freedom of religion when drafting new constitution (see S. Res. 453), [22MY]
- Taxation: exclude from gross income any prizes or awards received by Olympic or Paralympic medal winners (see S. 2026), [27FE]
- Terrorism: express that the transfer of certain detainees on May 31, 2014, was unlawful, call for an investigation, and determine impact of the transfer on the common defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 469), [11JN]
- Travel Promotion Act: extend (see S. 2250), [10AP]
- U.S. Access Board: develop accessibility guidelines for electronic instructional materials and related information technologies in institutions of higher education (see S. 2060), [27FE]
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 - VFW: amend Federal charter to reflect service of women in the Armed Forces (see S. 2782), [12NO]
 - Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 2496), [19JN]
 - World Plumbing Day: designate (see S. Res. 390), [13MR]
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 - World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [30AP]
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- Dept. of Justice: improve the restitution process for child pornography victims by considering total losses, requiring timely restitution, and spreading costs among multiple defendants (see S. 2301), [7MY]
 - Depts. of the Interior and Agriculture: allow removal of pinyon-juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage grouse (see S. 3017), [12DE]
 - Drugs: improve DEA scheduling process for new FDA-approved drugs under the Controlled Substances Act and registration process for use of controlled substances in clinical trials (see S. 2862), [18SE]
 - Federal agencies and departments: establish a process for the review of rules and sets of rules (see S. 3011), [12DE]
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- NOAA: authorize and strengthen tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program (see S. 2181), [27MR]
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- Bankruptcy: require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 2319), [12MY]
- Bureau of Prisons: issue oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray) to officers and employees in Federal medium-security prisons and higher (see S. 2309), [8MY]
- Canada: ensure that the Canadian government does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin (see S. Res. 565), [18SE]
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- Dept. of HHS: establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 2268), [29AP]
- Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2959), [20NO]
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- establish eligibility, assignment, training, and certification requirements for sexual assault forensic examiners (see S. 2703), [30JY]

- expand and improve care to members and veterans with mental health disorders, review characterization of discharges, and establish a loan repayment program for certain VA psychiatrists (see S. 2182), [27MR]
- improve access to mental health services under TRICARE (see S. 2276), [1MY]
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- require mental health assessments before enlistment or commissioning as an officer (see S. 2231), [9AP]
- Aviation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or air traffic controller for a sleep disorder is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1941), [16JA]
- Bankruptcy: provide protections for medically distressed debtors (see S. 2471), [12JN]
- require disclosure and filing by certain trusts of quarterly reports that contain detailed information on receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos (see S. 2319), [12MY]
- Bear Root Dept. of Veterans Affairs Clinic, Billings, MT: designate (see S. 2805), [15SE]
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- CBO: report changes in direct spending and revenue associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (see S. 2446), [5JN]
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: reauthorize education campaign to increase young women's knowledge of breast health and the occurrence of breast cancer (see S. 2655), [24JY]
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- Children and youth: improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 2746), [31JY]
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- Courts: restrict confidentiality agreements that prohibit disclosure of information relative to hazards to public safety or health (see S. 2317), [12MY]
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- CPSC: issue regulations requiring safer, child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine products (see S. 2581), [10JY]
- Critical care health services: improve understanding and coordination (see S. 2966), [20NO]
- DEA: improve regulation of anabolic steroids (see S. 2012), [11FE]
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- Dept. of Defense: improve consistency of data collection, reporting, and assessment in connection with suicide prevention efforts (see S. 2357), [20MY]
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- require institutions of higher education to have an independent advocate for campus sexual assault prevention and response (see S. 2695), [30JY]
- Dept. of HHS: develop a national strategic action plan to assist health professionals in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change (see S. 2864), [18SE]
- eliminate authority to limit ability of medical providers to conduct lawful businesses (see S. 2278), [1MY]
- establish a Caregiver Corps program (see S. 2842), [17SE]
- establish a Hospital Fund for the treatment of individuals with ebola or other specified infectious diseases (see S. 2942), [19NO]
- establish grant programs to improve health of border area residents and for hazards preparedness in border areas including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats (see S. 2268), [29AP]
- expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents (see S. 2406), [22MY]
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- Dept. of Justice: award grants to address prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (see S. 2839), [17SE]
- Dept. of Labor: ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner and protect miners from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) (see S. 2959), [20NO]
- Dept. of State, foreign operations, and related programs: making appropriations (see S. 2499), [19JN]
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- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: carry out pilot programs to reduce shortage of psychiatrists by repaying loans of certain psychiatrists to provide housing allowances to health care providers in rural clinics (see S. 2425), [4JN]
- conduct outreach to veterans on the effect of certain delayed payments and submit to Congress an annual report on such delayed payments (see S. 2654), [24JY]
- establish a national center for diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service (see S. 2738), [31JY]
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- expand eligibility for, and benefits under, the family caregiver assistance program and enhance compensation for uniformed services members requiring assistance in everyday life (see S. 2243), [10AP]
- expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment and prevent insurance companies from limiting reimbursements based on the VA not being an in-network provider (see S. 2468), [12JN]
- extend and modify the pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury (see S. 2607), [15JY] (see S. 3014), [12DE]
- extend eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home and domiciliary care for certain veterans who served in a theater of combat operations (see S. 2979), [4DE]
- improve access of veterans to medical services by improving scheduling, staff training and hiring, access to care from non-departmental providers, and administrative matters (see S. 2422), [3JN] (see S. 2450), [9JN]
- improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 2091), [6MR]
- improve provision of health care to veterans in rural and highly rural areas (see S. 2009), [10FE]
- include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration (see S. 2311), [8MY]
- increase number of graduate medical education residency positions at departmental hospitals (see S. 2639), [22JY]
- prohibit altering availability and wait times for health care services based on the length of time since the veteran's last visit to a VA facility (see S. 2467), [12JN]
- prohibit payment of performance awards to Veterans Health Administration employees (see S. 2362), [20MY]
- protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices (see S. 1993), [4FE]
- protect veterans from dishonesty and malfeasance in delivery of medical services by allowing veterans to sue VA employees who falsified or destroyed medical records (see S. 2419), [3JN]
- provide temporary care in the most cost effective manner when patients are relocated during medical facility construction and renovation projects (see S. 2428), [4JN]
- provide veterans with the choice of medical providers, improve performance metrics for provided health care, and increase transparency and accountability of operations (see S. 2424), [3JN]
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Bankruptcy: improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies (see S. 2589), [10JY]

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- Community development: create livable communities through coordinated public investment and streamlined requirements (see S. 2900), [18SE]
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- Dept. of Energy: authorize a research program, loan guarantees, and tax credits to facilitate development and commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies (see S. 2287), [5MY]
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- Financial institutions: clarify application of certain leverage and risk-based capital requirements (see S. 2102), [10MR] (see S. 2270), [29AP]
 - clarify that prohibitions on investments in certain funds shall not be construed to require divestiture of certain collateralized debt obligations backed by trust-preferred securities (see S. 1907, 1912), [9JA]
 - provide that residential mortgages held in portfolio qualify as qualified mortgages for purposes of presumption of ability to repay requirements (see S. 2641), [22JY]
- Financial Literacy Month: designate (see S. Res. 423), [11AP]
- Financial Stability Oversight Council: strengthen review authority of regulations issued by Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (see S. 2212), [3AP]
- Foreign aid: establish an interagency mechanism to coordinate U.S. development programs and private sector investment activities (see S. 2831), [16SE]
- FRS: replace the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with a 5-person commission (see S. 2213), [3AP]
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- National Credit Union Administration: provide pass-through share insurance for deposits or shares of any interest on lawyers trust accounts (see S. 2699), [30JY]
- National Save for Retirement Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 542), [11SE]
- New Zealand: include in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the U.S. as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if U.S. nationals are treated similarly by New Zealand (see S. 2048), [26FE]
- Pensions: reform the private retirement system by establishing USA Retirement Funds (see S. 1979), [30JA]
 - Public works: require public construction and infrastructure projects to use U.S. iron, steel, wood, cement, and manufactured goods, establish American Star Program, and extend Build America Bonds program (see S. 2682), [29JY]
 - SBA: create a grant program for governmental and other nonprofit organizations that support startup businesses by providing entrepreneurs with resources and services to produce viable businesses (see S. 2850), [17SE]
 - reauthorize women's business center program (see S. 2693), [30JY]
 - SEC: clarify definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law as not applying to events like demo days (see S. 2498), [19JN]
 - extend statute of limitations for certain securities law violations (see S. 2868), [18SE]
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 - prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (see S. 2765), [31JY]
 - provide for a notice-filing registration procedure for brokers participating in the transfer of ownership of smaller companies and provide appropriate regulation of such transfers (see S. 1923), [14JA]
 - Taxation: allow a credit against income tax for equity investments by angel investors (see S. 2497), [19JN]
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 - extend exclusion for small business stock and provide incentives for small business high technology research investment (see S. 2139), [13MR]
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 - improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts (see S. 2892), [18SE]
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 - increase the annual contribution limit for Coverdell education savings accounts and include athletic equipment in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (see S. 2568), [8JY]
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- Nigeria: condemn abduction of female students by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) armed militants in Borno province and urge continued U.S. support and assistance (see S. Res. 433), [6MY]
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Moldova: support sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, call for removal of Russian forces, and resolve conflict in Transnistria territory (see S. Res. 411), [3AP]

NOAA: conduct assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes (see S. 2556), [18SE]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 2190), [7AP]

—permit health insurance issuers to offer additional plan options (see S. 1915), [13JA]

—provide that the individual health insurance mandate not apply until the employer health insurance mandate is enforced without exceptions (see S. 2106), [11MR]

Public documents: prohibit the Government sale of Government documents that are available for free online by abolishing the National Technical Information Service (see S. 2206), [8JY]

Russia: prevent further aggression toward Ukraine and other European and Eurasian states by strengthening NATO, imposing sanctions, and hardening non-NATO allies (see S. 2277), [1MY]

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Small Business Saturday: designate (see S. Res. 548), [16SE]

Sudan: condemn charge of apostasy and death sentence of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, encourage U.S. efforts to support religious freedom, and urge inclusion of freedom of religion when drafting new constitution (see S. Res. 453), [21MY]

Taxation: repeal excise tax on medical devices (see S. 232), [27FE]

Telephones: restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property (see S. 1235), [20MY]

Transportation: empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway and mass transit programs (see S. 1702), [6FE]

Turkey: condemn restrictions on freedom of the press, expression, and the Internet, including social media and call for an end to such restrictions (see S. Res. 403), [27MR]

Ukraine: condemn downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and express condolences to families of the victims (see S. Res. 520), [24JY]

—condemn violation of sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by Russian forces and call for international response opposing Russia's actions and in support of Ukrainian Government (see S. Res. 378), [11MR]

World War II: award Congressional Gold Medal to Monuments Men in recognition of their role in preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and articles of cultural importance (see S. 1862), [30AP]

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Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building, De Pere, WI: designate (see S. 2185), [31MR]

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Present, [6JA]

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American Education Week: support goals and ideals (see S. Res. 591), [20NO]

American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [24MR]

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [23JN]

Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [22MY]

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Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [16SE]

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—make grants to support early college high schools and other dual enrollment programs (see S. 2860), [18SE]

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Dept. of HHS: improve field emergency medical services (see S. 2400), [22MY]

- Dept. of the Treasury: extend termination date of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (see S. 2244), [11AP]
- Dept. of Transportation: extend motor carrier exemption from hours of service regulations in the transportation of propane and other home heating fuels to address shortages (see S. 2085), [6MR]
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- Eximbank: extend and reauthorize (see S. 2709), [30JY]
- FAA: use enplanement numbers that preceded enactment of certain pilot regulations to calculate Airport Improvement Program apportionments (see S. 2848), [20NO]
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- Mathews, Harlan: tribute (see S. Res. 444), [13MY]
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- National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: designate (see S. Res. 558), [17SE]
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- National Bison Day: designate (see S. Res. 543), [11SE]
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- Israel: reaffirm support for right to defend itself against Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn U.N. Security Council resolution, and support U.S. mediation efforts and Iron Dome missile defense funding (see S. Res. 526), [29JY]
 - reaffirm support for right to defend itself against rocket attacks from Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn and call for an end to such attacks, and dissolve Palestinian Authority unity Government with Hamas (see S. Res. 498), [21JY]
- Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]
- Labor unions: amend laws relative to timing of elections and pre-election hearings and identification of pre-election issues, and require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the NLRB (see S. 2178), [1AP]
 - clarify the illegality of the use of violence to achieve objectives during a strike (see S. 2535), [26JN]
- Linnell, Jerald D.: tribute (see S. Res. 584), [19NO]
- Manning, Jean M.: designate as Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 391), [13MR]
- Mathews, Harlan: tribute (see S. Res. 444), [13MY]
- Medicare/Medicaid: repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare and Medicaid payments (see S. 2122), [12MR]
- National Airborne Day: designate (see S. Res. 519), [24JY]
- Nicklaus, Jack: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1040), [17NO]

- NLRB: reform by ending partisanship, providing oversight of the Office of the General Counsel, and encouraging timely decisionmaking (see S. 2814), [16SE]
- Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 417), [8AP]
- Palestinian Authority: restrict funds (see S. 2265), [29AP]
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or VA from employer health insurance mandate (see S. 2190), [1AP]
- Peres, Shimon: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1456), [30JA]
- Russia: prevent further aggression toward Ukraine and other European and Eurasian states by strengthening NATO, imposing sanctions, and hardening non-NATO allies (see S. 2277), [1MY]
- Schools: encourage growth and replication of successful charter school models (see S. 2304), [7MY]
 - require criminal background checks for school employees (see S. 1596), [24FE]
- Senate: authorize the taking of an official photograph in the Senate Chamber (see S. Res. 416), [7AP]
- Senate Legal Counsel: authorize document production and representation in *Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, Service Employees International Union 1199, et al.* (see S. Res. 392), [13MR]
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- Skvarla, Diane K.: designate as Curator Emeritus of the Senate (see S. Res. 338), [27JA]
- Smith-Lever Act: observe anniversary and recognize role in establishing Cooperative Extension system providing agricultural education through land-grant universities (see S. Con. Res. 33), [13MR]
- Taxation: establish ABLE accounts to pay for qualified disability expenses of family members with disabilities (see S. 313), [24MR]
 - exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income (see S. 2377), [8SE] (see S. 2912), [18SE]
 - make permanent the moratorium on Internet access taxation and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce (see S. 1431), [10AP]
- Terrorism: express that the transfer of certain detainees on May 31, 2014, was unlawful, call for an investigation, and determine impact of the transfer on the common defense of the U.S. (see S. Res. 469), [12JN]
- U.N. Arms Trade Treaty: oppose (see S. Con. Res. 7), [25FE]
- Ukraine: refute Russian sovereignty over Crimea, its territory, airspace, or waters, oppose foreign aid or investments with Russia as intermediary, and restrict aid to countries that recognize Russian sovereignty (see S. 2238), [10AP]
- Veterans: increase rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans (see S. 2258), [10SE]
- VFW: amend Federal charter to reflect service of women in the Armed Forces (see S. 2782), [15SE]
- Water: prevent finalization by the EPA or Corps of Engineers of proposed guidance on identification of waters protected by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see S. 2496), [19JN]

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—notify the President of election as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (see S. Res. 435), [5MY]

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Children and youth: provide for identification and dissemination of evidence-informed recommendations for addressing maternal addiction and neonatal abstinence syndrome and study neonatal abstinence syndrome (see S. 2722), [31JY]

Dept. of the Interior: conduct a special resource study to evaluate significance of Mill Springs Battlefield in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, KY, and feasibility of inclusion in the National Park System (see S. 2780), [9SE]

Emergency Interstate Bridge Safety Fund: establish through repeal of Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements (see S. 2512), [23JN]

EPA: disapprove rule establishing new source performance standards to limit greenhouse gas emissions from new powerplants (see S.J. Res. 30), [16JA]

—prohibit regulation of carbon pollution (greenhouse gas) emissions for existing fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units under certain circumstances (see S. 2414), [3JN]

Greene, Howard O., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 579), [17NO]

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: disapprove IRS rule relative to the individual mandate (see S.J. Res. 35), [27MR]

Taxation: allow certain individuals a credit against income tax for contributions to certain college savings plans (see S. 2882), [18SE]

—provide an exception to the exclusive use requirement for home offices if the other use involves care of a qualifying child of the taxpayer (see S. 2488), [18JN]

Ukraine: authorize and increase Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc., and Voice of America programming (see S. 2183), [27MR]

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Bills and resolutions

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MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT

Bills and resolutions

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Committees of the Senate: majority party appointments (see S. Res. 359), [12FE]

Congress: prohibit recesses until adoption of a concurrent budget resolution that results in a balanced budget and control travel budgets (see S. 2313), [8MY]

Denton, Jeremiah: tribute (see S. Res. 407), [31MR]

Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]

Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day: designate (see S. Res. 534), [31JY]

House of Representatives: limit State redistricting after an apportionment of Representatives and require such redistricting be conducted by independent commissions (see S. 2910), [18SE]

James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway: designate (see S. 2522), [24JN] (see S. 2985), [4DE]

James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building, Chisholm, MN: designate (see S. 2523), [24JN]

James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway: designate (see S. 2522), [24JN]

James L. Oberstar U.S. Dept. of Transportation Building Complex, Washington, DC: designate (see S. 2376), [21MY]

Jeffords, James M.: tribute (see S. Res. 539), [9SE]

Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Galesburg, IL: designate (see S. 2921), [13NO]

Law enforcement: authorize to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to the President or other executive branch official directing executive branch officials to not enforce a provision of law (see S. 2062), [27FE]

Lobbyists: prohibit current Members of Congress, and increase restrictions on congressional staff, from becoming lobbyists, ban lobbyists from joining congressional staff, and improve disclosure requirements (see S. 2417), [3JN]

—prohibit Members of Congress and candidates from soliciting campaign contributions while Congress is in session, eliminate bundling of large contributions, and reform registration process (see S. 2754), [31JY]

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Senate: clarify policy governing use of electronic devices on the Senate floor (see S. Res. 385), [13MR]

—permit collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings (see S. Res. 577), [12NO]

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—modify per-fiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or service used to reduce minimum age at which Reserve component members may retire for non-regular service (see S. 240), [28JY]

Baker, Howard H., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 494), [26JN]

Black History Month: observance (see S. Res. 363), [26FE]

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Cape May-Lewes Ferry: anniversary (see S. Res. 490), [26JN]

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: adjust the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program in order to avoid disproportionate penalties for hospitals treating vulnerable populations (see S. 2501), [31JY]

Children and youth: extend, enhance, and revise certain laws on collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and establish additional protections (see S. 1700), [21MY]

—improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life (see S. 2746), [16SE]

China: express concern about threats to freedom of the press and expression, condemn actions of suppression, harassment, and threats to journalists, and promote free flow of information (see S. Res. 361), [24FE]

Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 437), [5MY]

Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 2199), [10SE]

Climate: express that global climate change is occurring and will continue to pose ongoing risks and challenges (see S. Res. 524), [15SE]

Conservation of energy: express that performance-based contracts for energy savings are a budget-neutral means to support reduced Government energy consumption while supporting jobs and economic development (see S. Res. 562), [18SE]

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Denton, Jeremiah: tribute (see S. Res. 407), [31MR]

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Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1956), [30JA]

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Dept. of State: offer rewards for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Frenkel (see S. 2577), [15JY]

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- Israel: reaffirm support for right to defend itself against Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn U.N. Security Council resolution, and support U.S. mediation efforts and Iron Dome missile defense funding (see S. Res. 526), [29JY]
- reaffirm support for right to defend itself against rocket attacks from Hamas (terrorist organization), condemn and call for an end to such attacks, and dissolve Palestinian Authority unity Government with Hamas (see S. Res. 498), [10JY]
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Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office, Cold Spring, MD: designate (see S. 2493), [18JN]

Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office, Alden, NY: designate (see S. 2056), [27FE]

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James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office, Dublin, CA: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senate) (H.R. 1671), [31JY]

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- Inland Waterways Trust Fund: revise financing rate (see S. 2955), [20NO]
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- improve access to mental health services under TRICARE (see S. 2276), [8MY]
- restore full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment (see S. 1977), [10FE] (see S. 1982), [1MY]
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- Aviation: ensure any requirement providing for screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or air traffic controller for a sleep disorder is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding (see S. 1941), [24MR]
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- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: improve processing of claims for benefits (see S. 2091), [1MY]
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- Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [4MR]
- ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 2687), [5AU]
- Baker, Howard H., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 494), [26JN]
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- Children and youth: bolster U.S. diplomacy and assistance aimed at ensuring children have permanent, safe, nurturing, and loving families and strengthen intercountry adoption to the U.S. and around the world (see S. 2475), [17JN]
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- Colleges and universities: provide for higher education reform (see S. 1969), [29JA]
- Commission To Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer: establish (see S. 865), [6MR]
- Community development: create livable communities through coordinated public investment and streamlined requirements (see S. 2900), [18SE]
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- Dept. of Defense: reduce number of nuclear weapons and related programs (see S. 2070), [3JN]
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- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (see S. 734), [27JA]
- Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
- Drugs: focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders by modifying sentencing guidelines for certain drug offenses (see S. 1410), [4JN]
- Elections: constitutional amendment on contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections (see S.J. Res. 19), [6MY]
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Conservation of natural resources: amend laws relative to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety (see S. 2028), [12FE]

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UDALL, MARK (a Senator from Colorado)

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

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American Fighter Aces: award Congressional Gold Medal (see S. 1827), [10MR]

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [27MR]

Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [20MY]

—ensure women members and their families have access to contraception and family planning (see S. 2687), [31JY]

—exempt retired pay of certain disabled veterans from full working-age military retiree cost-of-living adjustment and prevent adverse impact of such adjustment on Survivor Benefit Plan annuities (see S. 1880), [13JA]

—improve access to mental health services under TRICARE (see S. 2276), [20MY]

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BLM: permanently reauthorize Permit Processing Improvement Fund and provide flexibility to designate new pilot offices and revise fee structures relative to oil and gas permitting (see S. 2440), [5JN]

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UDALL, TOM (a Senator from New Mexico)

Attendance

Present, [6JA]

Bills and resolutions cosponsored

- Animals: designate the North American bison as the national mammal of the U.S. (see S. 2464), [11JN]
- Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: preserve the Arctic coastal plain as wilderness (see S. 1695), [27MR]
- Armed Forces: award Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the Borinqueneers (see S. 1174), [15MY]
- Baker, Howard H., Jr.: tribute (see S. Res. 494), [26JN]
- Chavez, Cesar E.: tribute (see S. Res. 404), [27MR]
- Cinco de Mayo: observance (see S. Res. 437), [5MY]
- Civil rights: improve remedies for discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex (see S. 2199), [8AP]
- Crime: provide justice for victims of human trafficking (see S. 1738), [24JN]
- Denton, Jeremiah: tribute (see S. Res. 407), [31MR]
- Dept. of Agriculture: consult with Indian tribes to make grants and enter into agreements with eligible entities to conduct research and education and training programs to protect and preserve Native American seeds (see S. 2116), [12MR]
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- Dept. of Defense: review discharge characterizations of former members of the Armed Forces discharged for sexual orientation (see S. 1956), [28AP]
- Dept. of Education: allow certain student loan borrowers to refinance current loans (see S. 2292), [6MY] (see S. 2432), [4JN]

- Dept. of Energy: replace the current requirement for biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review (see S. 1938), [16JA]
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- Dept. of the Interior: reaffirm authority to take land into trust for Indian tribes (see S. 2188), [31MR]
- Dept. of Transportation: set separate performance measures for motorized and non-motorized safety and allow States to set their own safety targets and to choose the best methods to meet them (see S. 1708), [4JN]
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs: enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of contracting goals and preferences (see S. 430), [4FE]
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- Dixon, Alan J.: tribute (see S. Res. 496), [7JY]
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- Gay, Lesbian, and Allies Senate Staff (GLASS) Caucus Association: anniversary (see S. Res. 505), [17JY]
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- Hispanic Heritage Month: observance (see S. Res. 545), [15SE]
- Horse Protection Act: designate additional unlawful acts, strengthen penalties for violations, and improve Dept. of Agriculture enforcement (see S. 1406), [15MY]
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- Nigeria: condemn abduction of female students by Boko Haram (terrorist organization) armed militants in Borno province and urge continued U.S. support and assistance (see S. Res. 433), [7MY]
- Nuclear weapons: designate a national day of remembrance for workers of the U.S. nuclear weapons program (see S. Res. 417), [8AP]
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: allow employees' dependents access to tax credits if the cost of family coverage through the employer is greater than a certain percentage of household income (see S. 2434), [5JN]
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